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THE SECRETARY,
SENATE RURAL & REGIONAL AFFAIRS
PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: INQUIRY INTO ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLIES FOR SOUTHEAST QUEENSLAND - TRAVESTON CROSSING DAM INFORMATION

- THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR THE SENATE INQUIRY

Anyone who knows this area would realize this dam would be an environmental disaster, but I would like to tell you about the social devastation.

On the 27th of April, 2006 Peter Beattie announced this ill conceived flawed dam proposal, I was shocked and to me it just didn't make sense.

Then a few weeks later I heard him on the radio talk back show saying he had been talking to the communities for over two years.

Well I have lived here for over twelve years with my husband and we were oblivious to any of this.

We received a letter in the mail saying our property could be involved and then another a week after saying we were involved.

It felt like I was kicked in the stomach, I couldn't eat or sleep, getting up at 2 or 3 in the morning walking around. I was so angry, how could the Peter Beattie government treat the people of the Mary Valley this way, its unconscionable un-Australian and to tell you the truth I am still angry with this disgusting treatment, it just does not end!

In July Beattie flew into Gympie to tell us that feasible or not the dam would go ahead. What arrogance, he did not listen to us and then

he flew back to Brisbane.

People in the valley were going into depression and some still are. This is psychological warfare and still is.

Next was Anna Bligh to give our community the same message in November, just before Xmas. Then the General Armitson community taskforce, who has no opinion on anything, except that the dam will go ahead.

Queensland water infrastructure all the time bullying and intimidating people into selling their homes in stage one and in stage two, yet the State Government has only submitted the dam proposal for stage one but they want to build the wall to full height stage two.

After receiving three or four different maps on this stupid dam, Ross and I then received a letter saying our property is not required anymore. Putting us through all this stress and for what? They are making it up as they go along, how cruel!

I have no respect for Beattie, Bligh or Armitson they can rot in hell for the way they have treated the people in the Mary Valley.

No government state or federal should treat people the way the Peter Beattie Government has treated us. It is disgraceful, dishonest, un-transparent and inhumane.

Yours faithfully and sincerely,
Carol Pitcher.