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The Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam



## RE: INQUIRY INTO ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLIES FOR SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND – TRAVESTON CROSSING DAM INFORMATION

The purpose of this letter is to provide information for the Senate Inquiry. It is important to us that Senators are made aware of how the unjust decision to dam the Mary River is affecting our School. Our staff, students and families are all suffering.

At the present time, Kandanga State School is a three teacher school, the ideal situation for the number of students. Unfortunately, student numbers are slowly reducing. Families are selling up and moving out of the area due to the uncertainty surrounding the dam proposal.

The school families who are digging in their heels, prepared to stay to the bitter end, are devastated to see their school getting smaller. It is all happening through no fault on our part and we should not be penalised. We are all asking what will 2008, 2009 and beyond have in store. We are adamant that our school staffing levels remain as they are regardless of student numbers in the foreseeable future.

We would like to request that the State Government provide our School with a written guarantee that no matter what happens, our staffing levels will not be reduced until some stability returns to our community, however many years it takes.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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