

To the Senate Standing Committee on Regional Affairs and Transport

Inquiry into Water Supplies for SE Queensland –  
Traveston Crossing Dam

Submission from Grafton District Anglers Club .

Firstly on behalf of the members of Grafton District Anglers Club (GDAC) I would like to thank the Committee for the invitation to appear at it's Public Hearing , and at the same time apologise for our inability to be there . As an amateur angling body the cost to our delegate and ourselves being the limiting factor .

We would however seek to present our views on the options put forward by SMEC , in relation to the Clarence and Mann Rivers .

With the proviso that certain criteria are met , we are not totally opposed to a dam on the Mann River , which would secure future water supplies to NE NSW , as well as SE Queensland . The emphasis being on potential supply to both regions .

Our criteria being that any impoundment must :

- 1—be capable of mitigation of catastrophic flood events ,
- 2—be constructed in such a way as to allow for the simulation of minor freshes (floods) , with a mixed low and normal temperature release ,
- 3—have all its foreshores and waters open for public recreation ,
- 4—be closed to commercial exploitation (fishing)
- 5—be constructed so that the continually maintained flow is not at the extreme cold normally experienced at the bottom of impounded water ,
- 6—be located so that a minimum dislocation of private landowners and lessees occurs .

Our prime interest , being recreational fishing , necessitates the maintenance of "natural" river flow and temperature at all times .

We are totally opposed to any restriction at all on the Clarence River itself , but would not be averse to a structure on the Mann , provided it meets our stated criteria .

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