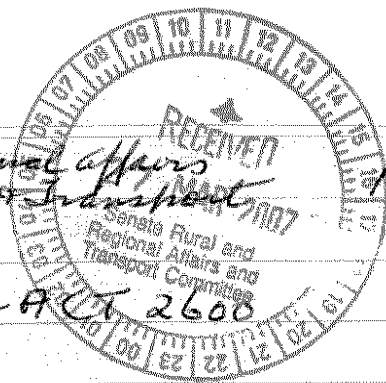


The Secretary

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Dear Sir - Madam.

Re. Inquiry into Additional water
Supplies for South East Queensland, Trarvon Dam
Information

The purpose of this letter is to provide information
for the Senate Inquiry

My family had property on the Mary River at Miva
for over 100 years, so I believe I am well qualified to
comment on the many changes that have occurred to
the river, over a long period. In addition, our family
have read & recorded river heights for various
Government departments, for a period stretching over 50 years.

In earlier days, there was at least a minor flood
on the river at least once each year, so there was always
a good flow. There was never a problem with weed,
& the endangered species of Ceratodus & Mary River turtles
were in plentiful supply.

In later years, because of less annual rainfall, & increased
irrigation, river flow has reduced dramatically, resulting
in siltng & a serious water weed problem.

Should the proposed dam go ahead, these problems will
increase alarmingly & all downstream areas, right through
to the river heads & even the marine habitats in Hervey Bay
will be affected.

There are numerous alternate schemes to supply water to the
South East corner, at much less cost & which will prevent the
destruction of the beautiful & fertile Mary Valley.

Yours faithfully
Colin Makuranga