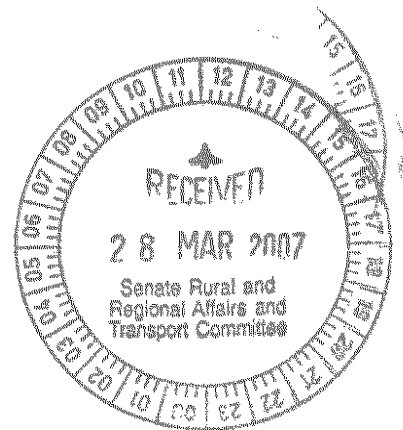


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Dear Sir/ Madam

Re; Inquiry into Additional Water supplies for South East Queensland - Traveston Crossing Dam Information.

I have become increasingly concerned about this project, many objections have been raised and dismissed, legitimate concerns by those who know the area intimately. But My Main worry is about the many arsenic filled cattle dips which will contaminate the water and poison the flooded land should the dam be abandoned. While these dips have not been in use for many years the arsenic is still present because it was deemed too hazardous for disposal.

Coming from a cattle farm myself, I know how dangerous these dips can be, and the local farmers estimate that there are at least 200 dips- many full. One young farmer told me his family farm has 3 cattle dips of which 2 are still full of arsenic and one became so toxic it could no longer be used and was covered years ago but is still half full of sludge. All 3 will be under water. Nuclear waste can be disposed of, does this make cattle dips more hazardous ?

How many more will be submerged?

Apart from the environmental disaster- can anyone legally subject humans and the environment to such poisoning. It is already being called the 'Travesty Dam' by locals and it appears to be well named.

There are many alternatives to forever be seeking more and more of everything, if each building had water tanks the run off of which was directed to Dams it would be cost effective and sustainable, you can only rob the future and the environment for so long before it bites back, as nature is now doing globally.

There is plenty of drinkable water, a fraction of a percent of that used, the rest can be recycled, and we don't need to drink sewage. Tanks are cleanable, the water being returned pristine, here is employment waiting in the wings a few enterprising people are already doing such service.

There are many ways of overcoming the water wastage (not shortage). Start thinking of future generations and stop spending their healthy lifestyles.

Yours sincerely  
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