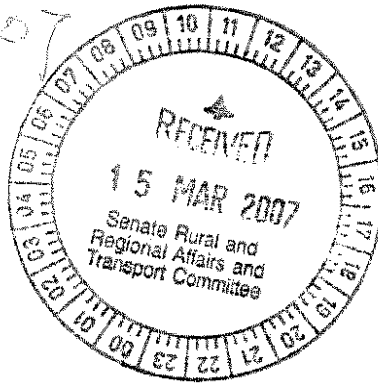


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Dear Senators,

I am writing to offer some points about the Traveston dam inquiry which tho' you know thru all it is to emphasise the stupidity of this dam proposal.

① Both Malcolm Turnbull & Tim Flannery have said a 10% drop in rainfall equals 30% <sup>less</sup> run off into our dams & creeks, 50% less rainfall equals a massive 60% less run off, as rainfall in our region has been getting less over the years & given the above scenario it seems ludicrous to think of building another dam in this area, and all the others are dry!

② To raise Borumba dam is not a good idea to take more water from the Mary an already stressed river; already the river quality is worse (salinity levels) than the old government's guide lines.

③ The Mary catchment is a priority catchment in QLD for the National Action plan on salinity & water quality. They have been receiving money from the Govt for this.

④ Other options would be cheaper than building the dam e.g. re-cycling, catching storm water, Tanks, tanks tanks, Maybe, de-salination works. No spa baths, no more swimming pools.

5) The social impacts have been absolutely terrible & split the community. Some don't know whether to carry on farming or not - local towns & schools will be adversely affected. The govt's handling of this proposed dam right from the beginning has been abysmal. It is imperative that all the govt work on the dam is made public.

6) The environmental impact: I think we all know how adversely affected the Lung fish, Mary river turtle & Mary river cod will be. But also the Great Sandy Straits & the Ramsar site & the already stressed fishing.

7) The aquatic weeds of which there are already some in the river but would increase exponentially in a shallow dam. The cost of keeping the weed down is huge I believe on Lake Macdonald \$150,000 a year is spent on weed control.

8) If you were to drive down the Mary Valley & see all the signs showing the height of the river after being dammed you would get a shock - dam levels of only 1-1 1/2 metres in many many places over vast flats. Now any old fool could see that this water will evaporate leaving vast areas of muddy useless swamp land.

9) The Agricultural land of the Mary Valley is very good, & land like that is so scarce it must never be flooded.

10) I recently saw 'An inconvenient truth' Al Gore's film. If any one was in doubt about Climate Change they wouldn't be after seeing that film. And it seems we are sadly going to be in an ever increasing drier & hotter weather. So how can Peter Beattie even contemplate another dam -

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I believe the "Paradise" (some Paradise) Dam is a disaster - surely we can't have another one.

Dams in this day & age are not the answer to water shortages.

Good luck in the inquiry

Yours Sincerely

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