

It appears to me as an engineer with long experience in dam construction that the decision by the State Government to go to the Mary River for future supply is a sensible one. The Mary River rises in one of the wettest areas in Queensland near Brisbane and has only the one storage on this area of the catchment, the Obi Obi which serves the Sunshine Coast and is a small part of the catchment. After the North Pine the Mary River is the nearest usable catchment to Brisbane in Queensland and so was a logical target, The location of the dam should certainly have been chosen to make the most of the catchment and I presume that this is what the committee should investigate. I consider it would be unwise for the committee to ignore the experts advice on this matter and go against the decision on purely political grounds. As long as people flock to settle in Queensland it will require the use of more and more of the assets of the state to accommodate them. I deplore the effect that they will have on the ecology of this area of Queensland but I am afraid that the committee must find a way to stop the inflow if it rules against the use of the Mary River to supply the South Eastern part of the state.

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