

30<sup>th</sup> March 2007

The Secretary  
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport  
Parliament House  
Canberra, ACT 2600.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Dr Ivan Molloy, an academic at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Both myself and my wife, Ms Cate Molloy, the former Qld. State Member for Noosa, wish to make a joint submission to the upcoming Senate Inquiry into the Qld Traveston Dam Proposal. We wish to offer direct evidence that the Beattie Government's Traveston Dam proposal was not based on any credible research into water management nor on credible environmental and economic grounds, but instead was purely a cynical exercise in political expedience because of the then upcoming 2006 state election. In other words the dam site was chosen purely for political reasons to help win the election.

My wife as a member of the Beattie Government at that time wishes to offer evidence to this fact based on a number of Beattie Government Caucus meetings which she attended when this proposal was discussed, as well as a number of discussions she personally had with the Premier before the election.

I would also like to submit evidence supporting the above, based on personal discussions I had with senior party figures at the 2006 State Conference and in particular the Hon. Mike Reynolds, MP who told me directly that this was so and that hardly any members of Beattie's cabinet were informed of this proposal before it was made public.

We are both very determined that our evidence be submitted to the inquiry and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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