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

Dear Senators,

RE: Inquiry into the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam

On June 19th 2006 exploratory drilling began on our property. In the days prior a bulldozer had been on our property to level off a pad for the drilling rig. In the ensuing month we had 5 steers and calves die within 100 meters of the drilling site. We had not lost a cow or calf before the drilling started and have not lost one since the area was fenced off. The calves and steers would go from being fit and well to dead in less than 24 hours. We had a vet attend a calf who was still alive and she took blood samples but could not determine the cause of the illness. A team organised by the Department of Natural Resources investigated the soil around the drill site and we believe DNR vets also had access to the blood samples from our vet.

Four of the 5 steers and calves that died were owned by another party who has since reached an agreement for compensation.

We would like more details as to what the investigations uncovered and why these healthy animals suddenly died. We operate an Outdoor Education Centre on the property and since then numerous other holes have been drilled. As the dam wall is located on our property and large excavations are planned we need to be sure that there are no toxins or contaminants that may be uncovered.

Please contact Murray Stewart on (0437) 800920 if you require further information on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MStewart", written in a cursive style.

Murray Stewart
19th March 2007