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Dear Secretary of Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport,

I am writing on behalf of the parents of the Mary Valley State College P&C Association supporting an inquiry examining all reasonable options for additional water supplies for South East Queensland.

As a country school which offers classes from Prep to Year 10 we are a part of a close-knit community and we can see the ramifications of your water solutions impacting heavily on our friends and neighbours. Most people are suffering both physically and emotionally and are now facing long term health issues as a result.

In an area where most people are self-sufficient with water it is absurd that they are being forced off their properties to cater for the suburban water extravagance.

In this era of education the upcoming generation is being taught to respect and nurture its environment, we find it confronting to see our own State Government willingly choose to dam one of its last free rivers at the expense of endangered and threatened species including the Queensland Lungfish, Mary River Turtle and Mary River Cod.

Children are absorbing the negativity and insecurities they hear expressed by their parents, and class projects are being focused on the proposed dam itself.

Already businesses are straining as the Mary Valley residents pull back on their spending in this period of indecision and uncertainty.

The Imbil school draws its children from a large catchment, one which is being compromised by the inundation of such a large portion of the valley. Sadly many families have had to sell up their properties to the government and have attempted to find property where this is not going to happen to them again well away from the Mary Valley. We have lost one teacher this year due to the reduction of class numbers and threaten to lose our administration registrar who has been with our school for more than 30 years.

We are not convinced that our school is in a safe zone. The proposed dam borders our school and if there were to be a flood we know our school would go under water.

We are surprised that this option should remain on the Beattie Government's table when other viable options for halting the State's water crisis have been offered by many leading individuals and groups.

This submission is in favour of supporting an inquiry into the merits of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam as well as raising the Borumba Dam and the social, environmental, economic and engineering impacts of the various proposals.

Yours Sincerely

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