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I feel that this proposal of building the Traveston Crossing Dam is for political reasons only.
It's the 21st Century and we need to think differently, like building desalination plants. Building more dams is not the answer any longer. Dams do not manufacture water they just store it. To build this Traveston Crossing mega-dam will give more volume but does not necessarily mean it will deliver more water. The evaporation rate could exceed the rainfall if any in the Mary River Valley. There's evidence emerging now that the East Coast is suffering a drop in rainfall. The Traveston Crossing Dam will drown valuable farmland and economic activities downstream. The impact it would have on the breeding habitat of endangered and vulnerable vertebrate species, Lungfish, Mary River Cod and Turtle.

The affect can have major impact on the ecology of the Mary River which flows into the Great Sandy Straits at Hervey Bay.

This is the Mary River Valley of tears and a community fighting for survival. The prospect of losing everything is unimaginable.

SAVE THE MARY RIVER

Your sincerely

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