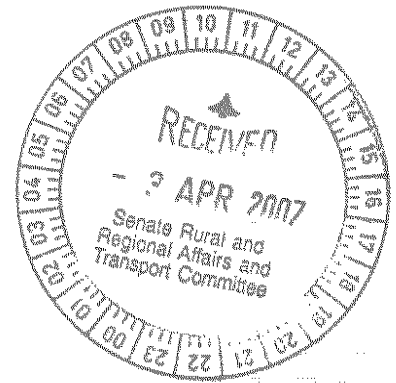


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28 March 2007

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



Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Inquiry into Additional Water Supplies for South East Queensland –
Traveston Crossing Dam Information**

The Traveston Crossing Dam is a bad choice; my reasoning as follows:

- 1/ Bad foundations.
- 2/ Dam too shallow.
- 3/ Dam bottom too porous.
- 4/ Dam has very small capacity compared to other places.

The best position for a dam is around crossing number 6 on Yabba Road, Imbil. Not only would it be much deeper, it would cover a few other valleys. Wayne Goss had already purchased most of the properties when he was Premier nearly twenty (20) years ago. It would hold massively more water than Traveston.

When Yabba Creek is in flood, the capacity of Borumba Dam (when full) empties through the spillway every two (2) hours. We have had nine (9) of those floods in the eighteen (18) years that we have been living here. These other valleys I mentioned would take up a least thirty to thirty-five (30-35) Kilometers; much bigger than Traveston Dam. There would also be no devastation to the river system.

Not only would you have significantly more water, consider saving the best part of One (1) billion dollars; no roads to alter either!

If you decide to run with the Traveston Crossing project another problem that has to be addressed. My home (there are others too) has very little free board, half (1/2) Meter when the Yabba Creek is in flood. The Yabba Creek works like a venturi system. Borumba Dam to Imbil is 12-15 km, with a 20 Meter fall – from Imbil to Traveston Dam wall is 20Km with 70 Meter Fall. When the Traveston Dam wall is built, we will loose the 70 Meter fall in the Yabba Creek system; resulting in an absence of venturi (sucking) effect. In other words it will slow the Yabba Creek system down. If the Yabba Creek System is reduced by 1 Metre per hour; my house will probably be lost.

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I have made my concerns known to the QWI (Queensland Water Infrastructure PTY LTD) particularly Mr Mike Spencer. QWI has sent me a letter that I have enclosed. It does not address any of my concerns. I am not being taken seriously, as was said to me and I quote "You are ONLY a land owner; not an engineer – how would you know!" I would know because I have seen it flood 9 times; (with respect) I think the people who are designing this should come and talk to the people that live along the water system.

Yours Sincerely



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Dear Jim

Thank you for your recent discussion with Mike Spencer regarding the purchase of your property for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

Last year a significant amount of work was undertaken to determine the final dam boundary and I can now confirm that your property is outside the dam's boundary reservoir and buffer areas. In addition, your land is not required for any of the road realignment works.

Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd (QWI) has carefully reviewed all details of your case, and confirms that as your property is not required for the proposed dam, QWI does not intend to purchase your property. QWI's primary charter is to purchase properties that are required for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam, as identified on the land purchasing plan released in late October 2006.

Attached for your reference is a map of the dam area, which shows the boundary of the land needed for the project and the proposed alignments for the roads that will be relocated for each stage of the proposed dam.

Please accept my assurance that QWI is committed to behaving with integrity and working with all people in a respectful manner.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Newton
Chief Executive Officer
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