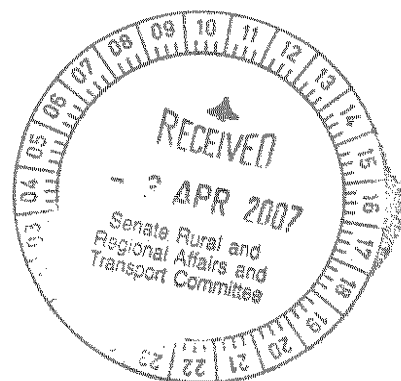


The Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Sir/Madam

Re Inquiry into additional water supplies for South East Queensland – Traveston Crossing Dam Information.

As a Mary Valley Resident with two children in the area, married and with children I wish to provide the senate with my personal knowledge and information regarding This matter.

I am a retired Accountant and Computer person with a number of years in Management Including work for Government bodies and authorities. I do considerable voluntary work In my retirement bringing me into contact with many members of the wider community.

People Impact. It has been my observation from close quarters that the matter of the Traveston Dam and its impact has been poorly handled by the Queensland Government Causing much distress in the community to families, businesses and others. This includes the impact if the dam were to go ahead of a substantial part of the Queensland Dairy industry which provides over 80% of Milk and dairy products, poultry olives, nut and Fruit trees, pinapples and other crops. This is a fertile part of Australia and Queensland In one of the driest continents on earth. It does not seem practicable to put a dam into Such a significant produce bearing community. We have known suicides and considerable depression stress and other illness's directly related to the Dam Proposal.

Business Impact Apart from the significant industries uprooted by the dam proposal On flow has already been significant with fencing contractors, labour hire, machinery Trades etc all going broke already as property owners are not repairing or doing Renovations. As a retired accountant I spend many hours voluntarily assisting small Business owners in the region who are undergoing hardship and in many cases facing Bankruptcy. People are unlikely in most cases to find similar land and houses for the Money being offered to buy out and therefore social impacts are also severe.

Government costs The dam will result in significant major works being required in the Area on all leading arterial roads besides the Bruce Highway including connection roads To Gympie, Imbil and Kenilworth and other outlying area's as all roads in these area's Of major consequence will be cut. All power lines will have to be realigned, all telecommunication lines will have to be realigned and the list of major work is Extensive and far beyond the proposed time limits to do correctly and in a proper Manner.

Water Needs This dam has been hastily and pig headedly proceeded with, when there are if dams are the answer at all several other sites which do not require the major land Holdings and infra structure changes. These include the Conondale Ranges which are Already government lands, and behind Boorumba's existing dam which is already owned By the government with no roads or infrastructure to be replaced.

Sufficient work has not been gone into to examine recycling, the use of more rain water Tanks, and the limiting of private swimming pools during drought conditions. I am appalled that water for private pools is being trucked from the Sunshine Coast to Brisbane on a daily basis when level 5 water restrictions apply.


The dam itself would cover almost all of the existing Mary Valley and is extremely shallow, will take over 10 years to fill (Rain permitting) and has the potential to become a bigger Mud flat than those existing dams now. The dam will also destroy environmentally Endangered species apart from the practicalities of fertile and productive farming lands It would also have significant impacts on the flow of the Mary to Maryborough and The Heritage listed Fraser Island and coastline.

The last Imbil/Kandanga floods occurred when my youngest child was in high school, she is now 27 years of age, and a mother. Almost every creek bed in the area is currently Dry or stagnant and the Cooloola shire is a declared drought area..

General The government has wasted some considerable tax payers money on propaganda and it is obvious speaking to people in the Brisbane area and other regions they do not understand the depth of the dam or the impact on persons as the true picture is not being told. There will be significant "Islands" in this dam and water depths that are from knee level to head level at best when the dam is at capacity. This is far too "shallow" and for the costs involved and impacts on environment I have to conclude That someone is very crazy indeed.

I thank the senate for the opportunity to voice my concerns and outrage over this Proposal.

Yours faithfully,


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