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RE: INQUIRY INTO TRAVESTON DAM

I HAVE DECIDED TO WRITE A FURTHER SUBMISSION ABOUT THE GROSS DECEPTION CARRIED OUT BY THE QUEENSLAND STATE GOVT ABOUT THE LAND AREA REQUIRED FOR THE DAM.

IN THE ORIGINAL ANNOUNCEMENT IT WAS 7600 HA. INCL. THE ASSOCIATED BUFFER ZONE ON 27th. APRIL '06.

THEN IT WAS SUPPOSEDLY REDUCED TO 2900 HA. FOR STAGE 1 ON 5th. JULY 2006

THEN IT WAS AGAIN REDUCED TO 9800 HA FROM AN ^{PREVIOUSLY} UNREVEALED 13700 HA. FOR THE STAGE 2 OF THE DAM ON 31.10.06.

ALL THE TIME THE GOVT KNEW THAT STAGE 2 REQUIRED 13700 HA. AS WAS CONFIRMED BY ANNA BLIGH ON 3.11.06 AND THEY KNEW THIS WAS THE AREA BACK IN MAY 2006.

YET THE LETTER DATED 18.12.06 CONFIRMS THAT THE PROBABLE MAX. FLOOD WOULD INUNDATE 14300 HA. SO THEY KNOWINGLY REDUCED THEIR BOUNDARY OF RESUMPTION ON 31.10.06 TO 9800 HA TO DELIBERATELY REDUCE BOTH THE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES

EFFECTED AND THE COSTS OF RESUMPTION.

I HAVE ENCLOSED THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE WHICH PROVES THE ABOVE STATEMENTS:

- 28.4.06 S/C DAILY
- 26.7.06 ROB WHIDON C.O.S. PREMIER'S OFFICE
- 31.10.06 ANNA BLIGH'S MINISTERIAL STATEMENT
- 4.11.06 D. MILLIGAN'S MEMO ABOUT LAND AREAS
- 13.11.06 D. MILLIGAN'S LETTER TO ANNA BLIGH
- 4.12.06 ANNA BLIGH'S LETTER TO MRS J.E. MILLIGAN
- 18.12.06 ANNA BLIGH'S RESPONSE TO 13.11.06

IN SUMMARY

- 28.4.06 ORIGINAL 66000 ML DAM IS 7600 HA. INCL. BUFFER ZONE (ASSUMED)
- 5.7.06 STAGE 1 REDUCED TO 2900 HA
- 26.7.06 CONFIRMED 2900 HA INCL. BUFFER ZONE
- 31.10.06 NOW 9800 HA BUT SUPPOSEDLY REDUCED FROM 13700 HA WHICH WAS KNOWN BY GOVT SINCE MAY 06.
- 18.12.06 INCREASED BACK UP TO 14,300 HA BUT ^{ADDITIONAL AREA} NOT TO BE PURCHASED

QUB.

THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PRODUCE THE MAPS FOR THE 14,300 HA. AND EXPLAIN WHY THE PEOPLE ARE NOT BEING TOLD OF THE FULL EFFECT OF A FINE FLOOD.

SINCERELY, D. MILLIGAN

New dam will lead to major resumption

ALMOST 900 properties are to be resumed outside Gympie to accommodate the new dam to be built on the Mary River.

The State Government yesterday announced the dam, one of the biggest in Queensland, would be located in the Traveston Crossing, south of Gympie.

But the development means 892 properties would be resumed to accommodate the development which would span 7600 hectares when it was completed by 2012.

It's not known how many owners, or residents, will be affected but the government has promised to make compensation payments.

The dam, which will have a maximum capacity of 660,090 megalitres, was one of two announced on Wednesday in a bid to solve south-east Queensland's water crisis.

The dam, to cost about \$150 million, will be funded by the sale of the retail arm of Energen and parts of Ergon Energy.

Cooloolia Shire mayor Mick Venardos, who toured the

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THE MIGHT MARY: Prolonged dry periods can lead to the Mary River - seen here at Conondale - almost drying up, leaving a big question mark over the effectiveness of dam downstream.

PHOTO: WARREN LYNAM/1545786

proposed site in a helicopter with Premier Peter Beattie and Water Minister Henry Palaszczuk yesterday, "backed the dam despite the disruption to potentially hundreds of residents.

He said the dam would serve the "greater good".

"There certainly will be people who will be disrupted from their homes and certain-

ly they want certainty in what is going to happen," he said.

"The government has assured me that once they have made a firm decision on the site they're going to make sure that proper compensation is paid to them so they can get on with their lives.

"There are over two million people in south-east Queensland and people in the urban

and agricultural areas must be given a guaranteed water supply," he said.

But more environmental concern has been raised over the proposal.

Mr Venardos denied those claims, adding that government experts had assured him the ecosystem could accommodate the development.

would divert as much as 20% of the river's natural flow.

"A mega dam on the Mary River will be both an environmental and economic disaster," he said.

Ms Austin said residents felt there were still concerns regarding traffic issues. "That Main Roads finds a single set of traffic lights on Mons and Chevallum Roads sufficient would be laughable if it wasn't such a deadly issue."

Council refuses estate

IT'S been a long and anxious wait for residents of Chevallum.

Neumann Developments Pty Ltd had lodged an application for a proposed industrial estate on Robert's Turf Farm on Chevallum Road.

It was an estate which many felt would have potential flooding impacts upstream and downstream and would also create serious traffic issues. While they knew Maroochy Council's planning staff had recommended refusal, that did not always mean council would follow suit.

But this week they had some relief with council following the advice of planning staff and refusing the application in its current form.

Ms Austin said residents felt there were still concerns regarding traffic issues. "That Main Roads finds a single set of traffic lights on Mons and Chevallum Roads sufficient would be laughable if it wasn't such a deadly issue."



**Queensland
Government**

Please quote: MCU

Office of the Premier

26 July 2006

Mrs J E Milligan
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Dear Joyce

Thank you for your recent correspondence concerning the Government's plan to construct a dam at Traveston on the Mary River. I have been requested to reply to you on the Premier's behalf. I apologise for the delay in responding to your correspondence.

As you may be aware, on 5 July 2006, the Premier confirmed that initial geotechnical investigations and other assessments of the Traveston Crossing Dam site have been completed and confirmed that the site is well placed to deliver substantial supplies of additional water. As a result, development of the proposed dam will proceed.

The Premier also announced that the dam will be constructed in stages. The first stage, to be completed by the end of 2011, will involve construction of a dam with a capacity of 180,000 million litres and a yield of up to 70,000 million litres per year. The area and associated buffer zone that will need to be resumed will be 2,900 hectares, which is significantly less than the 7,600 hectares that was initially proposed.

The second stage will involve the raising of the Borumba Dam, on Yabba Creek, west of Imbil, by 2025 to deliver an extra 40,000 million litres per annum when operated in conjunction with the operation of stage one of Traveston Crossing Dam. The third stage, should it proceed, would involve the completion of Traveston in 2035 to deliver an extra 40,000 million litres per annum. The need for this stage will be decided according to climatic factors, population growth and usage patterns.

While it is acknowledged that for many the decision on the dam will not be welcome, it is hoped that now some certainty as to the dam's location can help those directly affected to make decisions that will assist them to move forward.

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The Government will now begin a formal consultation process with the local landholders to purchase properties required for the first stage of the dam. Once the sale process for these properties is completed, the former landholders will have the option to remain on the property at heavily concessional rents until the dam is completed in five years' time. This will involve leasing back the property at either a set rate of 3 percent of the unimproved capital value, or \$1,000 per annum, whichever is lower.

The Government will also continue to 'stand in the market' to buy properties that may be required should the second stage of the dam's development proceed. If landholders potentially affected by this second stage decide to sell their properties to the State, they will be allowed to remain on the properties for twenty years or possibly longer, until the second stage is needed. It is proposed that negotiations with these landholders would involve a leaseback arrangement set at 25 percent of the assessed market rental/lease rate. This would allow these landholders to reinvest their sale proceeds more freely and give them greater certainty and time to map out future plans for relocation of their home, work or business.

The Premier is aware of the local community's concerns about the Traveston Crossing Dam, and recognises the impact this issue has had on those directly affected by the dam, creating a time of emotional upheaval. The Premier is strongly concerned to ensure that all people affected by this project are treated fairly and with compassion. The Premier has appointed Major-General Peter Arnison a former Governor of Queensland; to independently gauge the impact on the community, advise the Government of the appropriate response, and to ensure that all members of the community receive the appropriate assistance in resolving their individual circumstances.

Major-General Peter Arnison will chair a taskforce that will review employment, business and lifestyle options for the affected region. The taskforce will work closely with local governments, community leaders, stakeholders and other government departments to develop and implement a medium and long-term plan to ensure community sustainability.

For community members affected by the Dam who may need support beyond their family and community networks, an independent and confidential support service has been made available. The telephone number for this service is 1300 667 791. In addition, the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water has established a hotline to address questions about the dam and to take advice from the community concerning issues that need to be addressed. The hotline's phone number is 1800 243 585.

To provide some background on why the decision to locate a dam on the Mary River has been made, I would like to convey the following information.

Ensuring the region has adequate water supplies to support population growth and development in light of a changing climate is one of the greatest challenges the State has faced. The Government is working hard to meet this challenge in a number of ways and significant funding is being committed to a raft of new projects. The recently released State Budget for 2006-07 underscores a commitment to new water infrastructure with approximately \$600 million allocated to water infrastructure projects that will target increasing supply and meeting demand for the South East Queensland region. Studies show we will need 750,000 million litres of water per year by 2050, which is an additional 302,000 million litres than existing supplies.

As outlined in the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2005-2026 and the draft South East Queensland Regional Water Supply Strategy, the Government is committed to fast tracking a range of water supply and demand management strategies across South East Queensland to tackle the impact of drought, climate change and a booming population. Dams are just one part of a broader strategy to address the supply and demand sides of the water balance equation, including better utilisation and conservation of the water already in existing dams, cutting waste and excess use and adopting new technologies including recycling and desalination.

Work currently underway to support the water supply strategy includes:

- Advancing the first stage of the Western Corridor Recycled Water Scheme to supply industry;
- Supporting investigations and design for a desalination plant at the Gold Coast;
- Construction of the Southern Regional Water Pipeline that will help to create a water grid, linking existing and future water supplies and distributing water across the region;
- Significant water efficiency subsidies and incentives for home owners and businesses to use less water and to capture their own supplies where possible. From 1 July, residents from Noosa to the Gold Coast can access substantial rebates for water tanks and water saving devices; and
- Subsidies to support Local Councils implementing measures to reduce water distribution system leakage.

Other strategies to increase supply and reduce demand in our region which are currently being implemented include:

- Managing demand (for example, targets for reducing consumption, water-sensitive urban design, targets for recycling, residential efficiency measures such as rainwater tanks);
- Managing wastage (for example, reducing mains pressure and fixing leaks);
- Additional storage infrastructure (new storages and/or raising existing storages); and
- Investigating potential groundwater sources.

Population projections indicate that there could be more than one million extra people living in the South East Queensland region in the next 20 years, with further growth beyond this. This will place enormous pressure on our water supplies. Even with the adoption of stringent water demand management measures and the implementation of recycled water and other water supply initiatives, it will still be necessary to supplement our supplies with water from the new dams on the Mary and Logan rivers. Otherwise, we will quite simply not have enough supply to meet demand.

While initial geotechnical investigations that informed the decision to construct the dam at Traveston have been completed, further assessment of the project will include a rigorous environmental impact assessment and impact mitigation activities in accordance with Federal and State environmental protection legislation.

Other investigations likely to be ongoing over the next two to three years to assist detailed environmental, social and economic impact assessments will include social and landholder impacts; further geotechnical appraisals of the site; aquatic animal impacts; native vegetation impacts; cultural heritage impacts; economic evaluation; reliability and performance; alternative water supply options; and assessment of riverine conservation values.

Community consultation will be taking place throughout the project's ongoing assessment process. Letters are being sent to affected landholders advising them of options available to them and the government's commitment to ensuring fair and just process. You can view further information at the following website:
www.nrm.qld.gov.au/water.

Thank you for your correspondence on this matter. The Premier wishes to stress that if there was a comparable alternative to the Traveston Crossing Dam that could ensure that South East Queensland residents' water supply was secured into the future with minimised social impacts, it would certainly be undertaken.

Yours sincerely



Rob Whiddon
Chief of Staff

The state has a strong base from which to support its capital expansion plans going forward. In 2005-06 the state's net worth increased to \$105 billion, for the first time going over the \$1 billion mark. This is \$8.6 billion higher than the forecast of \$96 billion and is \$8.6 billion higher than the net worth as at 30 June 2005.

Further, Queensland's net worth per capita is 54 per cent higher than the average of other states. In 2005-06 there has been a further strengthening of the general government sector's already strong net debt position, from an estimated negative \$22.1 billion to a negative \$23.2 billion. High levels of net debt impose a call on future revenue flows to service that debt and can limit government flexibility to adjust outlays. Again, Queensland is well ahead of the pack, with negative net debt increasing from \$5,155 to \$5,808 per capita compared with the average negative net debt of \$290 per capita of the other states.

Pleasingly, these results have been achieved while Queensland has continued to maintain a very competitive tax environment, with each Queenslanders in 2005-06 paying an average of \$386 less in state tax than taxpayers in other states and territories. This is good for taxpayers. It is good for the economy. All in all, it amounts to an outstanding result for Queensland in the 2005-06 year.

Water Infrastructure

Hon. AM BLIGH (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure) (10.00 am): The Traveston Crossing Dam and the Wyaralong Dam are major projects and their importance to south-east Queensland's water future cannot be understated—and cannot be overstated. As major projects for south-east Queensland, they necessarily will have some impact on their localities. While this is unfortunate, the government has an obligation to deliver water security for the people and industry of the region.

We promised Mary Valley residents final plans and impacts before year's end, and I can advise the House that this week our government delivered on that promise. Yesterday I sent letters and information packs to all affected residents of the Traveston and Wyaralong dam sites. The information package includes individual impact maps for every affected landholder. It includes facts sheets on the dams' approval processes, timelines, sale and leaseback processes, road network changes, land controls, land uses and identifies how the dam will affect communities such as Kandanga, Imbil and Brooloo, Carter's Ridge, Federal and Gympie itself.

Additional to the extensive briefing material that they will receive this week, a 1800 hotline number has been established to ensure that affected residents have access to the information they seek. In addition, I have invited all landholders in the Traveston area to a public forum that I will be holding in Gympie on Friday. I am currently working to establish a suitable time and location for a similar forum in the Wyaralong area as soon as possible. To give landholders certainty, land required for both dams and all stages of Traveston will be acquired now. As is already known, we are offering very favourable leaseback packages for affected property owners impacted upon and associated road changes.

In relation to Traveston Dam, I can advise the House that geotechnical investigation has allowed the realignment of the dam wall, and more accurate flood modelling has reduced the overall land needed from 13,700 hectares to 9,800 hectares. Geotechnical investigation has identified the new alignment has desired solid rock foundations on both left and right abutments as well as the centre section. This quality of foundation has now confirmed that, from an engineering perspective, this is an excellent site for the dam's construction.

Mr Gibson: Rubbish!

Ms BLIGH: The engineers on the other side! The geotechnical wizards! Why didn't I take that advice?

Significantly, the realignment of the dam wall and the reduction in the dam area means that the number of homes and properties affected by the Traveston Dam has been reduced by 403. The final dam wall alignment and subsequent detailed flood modelling mean that a total of 597 properties—not the original 1,000—will be affected by dam inundation or road alignment changes. The preliminary estimate of 556 houses affected in both stages has also been reduced to 204. So the number is down to 204 from 556. Stage 1 of the dam will require 76 houses, and that is included in the 204.

The buyback process is already underway and 16 of the properties already purchased are now no longer required and will be offered back to the owner should they wish to reacquire them. Unfortunately, there are now 18 properties which were previously not identified as being needed. Of these 18, eight are partially affected by stage 1 road works—that is, by 2011—but no houses are required. If stage 2 proceeds, a further 10 properties—made up of seven houses and/or commercial properties and three other properties, including vacant land—could be impacted. In particular, I am pleased to say that the township of Imbil will not be affected by the dam and there will be no additional flooding as a result of the dam.

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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4.11.06

RE: TRAVESTON DAM LAND AREAS MEMO
AS A CONSEQUENCE OF PUBLIC MTG. 3.11.06

IN THE PREMIER'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON 27th APRIL 06 ABOUT TRAVESTON DAM IT WAS STATED ON ALL MEDIA REPORTS AND ALL GOVT PUBLICATIONS THAT THE AREA REQD FOR TRAVESTON DAM WAS 7600 HA.

ON 5th JULY 2006 PREMIER BEATTIE REITERATED THIS AND IN THE NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AT THIS PUBLIC MEETING IN GYMPIE, HE TOLD THE PUBLIC THIS AREA OF 7600 HA WAS NOW CONSIDERABLY LESS FOR STAGE 1 ... 2900 HA.

NOW IN THE QLD. PARLIAMENT ON 31.10.06 MS. ANNA BULCH, DEPUTY PREMIER & MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, MADE A MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ABOUT HOW THEY HAD "REDUCED THE AREA OF LAND REQD FOR THE DAM FROM 13700 HA TO 9800 HA." [WHICH IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE KNEW OR HEARD OF THESE FIGURES.]

AT THE PUBLIC MTG. IN GYMPIE HELD BY MS. ANNA BULCH WHEN CHALLENGED ABOUT THE ORIGINALLY STATED 7600 HA AND THE REVISED FIGURE OF 2900 HA, SHE STATED "THESE WERE ALWAYS ONLY THE AREAS INUNDATED AND DID NOT INCLUDE THE BUFFER ZONE."

AT THIS MTG. MS. BLIGH ALSO CONFIRMED
 THAT THE GOVT WAS AWARE OF THE LARGER
 AREA OF 13,700 HA. IN MAY 2006. YET THEY
 KEPT QUIET ABOUT THIS UNTIL OCT 31ST 4 MONTHS ^{OF SECRECY}.
 NOW IN A LETTER DATED 4.12.06
 FROM MS BLIGH'S ^{OFFICE} TO A BRISBANE RESIDENT
 MRS. J.E. MILLIGAN AT STAFFORD (WHO IS MY
 MOTHER) THAT THE AREA OF 2900 HA
 FOR STAGE 1 INCLUDES ^{THE ASSOCIATED} BUFFER ZONE.

THIS CONTRADICTS THE 31.10.06 STATEMENT
 TO THE PARLIAMENT AND ALL PUBLIC
 UTTERANCES SINCE ?

WHY THE DECEPTION ORIGINALLY IN APRIL

WHY THIS CONTINUED DECEPTION SINCE MR.
 BEATTIE'S GYMPIE VISIT TO MS. ANNA BLIGH'S
 MOST RECENT VISIT TO GYMPIE AND NOW
 THIS APPARENT DECEPTION TO BRISBANE
 VOTERS & TAXPAYERS.

IT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH THAT THE GOVT
 DRIP FEEDS THE PEOPLE WE MUST HAVE
 TRUTH TO HAVE DEMOCRACY AND I WANT
 TO BE TOLD THE FACTS I AM NOT
 A MUSHROOM.

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HON. MS BUGH M.L.A.

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VERONICA ADAMS TEL 32244551 REPLY NEXT WEEK

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13.11.06

RE: TRAVESTON DAM FLOOD MODELLING

DEAR ANNA,

AS YOU STATED BOTH BEFORE & DURING THE PUBLIC MEETING IN GYMPIE ON FRI. 3.11.06 THAT THIS FLOOD MODELLING HAD NOW BEEN COMPLETED, I REQUESTED, AS THE FIRST ^{PERSON} TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF QUESTIONING YOURSELF, THAT THE EQUIVALENT FLOOD DATA TO WIVENHOE BE PROVIDED FOR THE PROPOSED TRAVESTON DAM, NAMELY :-

THE FLOOD HEIGHT PROPOSED F.F.L.

ANSWERS SUPPLIED 18.12.06
..... EL 82.75M... ^{STAGE} 2
EL 92.2M... PMF

THE CAPACITY ML AT FULL FLOOD F.F.L.

..... 831,000 ML

THE AREA HA. INUNDATE AT F.F.L

..... 8,900 HA. ^{STAGE} 2
14,300 HA... PMF

THE AREA HA. INCL. BUFFER ZONE
(SURROUNDING THIS FLOOD AREA)

..... 9,815 HA

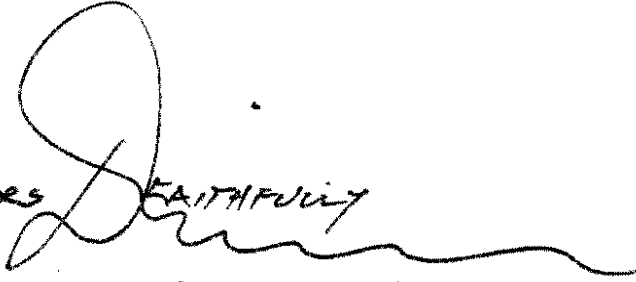
NOW EVKING MY QUESTIONING, AS YOU RECALL, WE HAD DIALOGUE WITH YOURSELF & MR. GRAHAM NEWTON OF D.W.I. AND I REQUESTED THIS DATA FOR THE FLOOD EVENT THAT THE DAM HAS TO BE DESIGNED TO CARRY AND PASS SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH ITS SPILLWAY, WITHOUT FAILURE. GRAHAM NEWTON CONFIRMED THIS FLOOD IS IN FACT THE 1 IN 500,000 EVENT, NOT THE HISTORICAL DATA RELATING TO PRIOR MARY RIVER FLOODS IN 1999, 1992 OR 1974.

I ALSO SPOKE PRIVATELY TO BOTH GRAHAM NEWTON AND DAVE MURRAY, AND REQUESTED THESE ANSWERS AND I WAS ASSURED THEY WOULD BE PROVIDED ONCE Q.W.I. REPRESENTATIVES RETURNED TO THEIR OFFICE.

IT HAS BEEN OVER A WEEK AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED.

YOUR SENIOR POLICY ADVISER MR DON WILSON ASSURED, ME THAT YOU ARE A PERSON OF INTEGRITY AND WOULD INSIST THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO AVOID PUBLIC SCRUTINY.

I TRUST THIS IS SO, AND THAT YOU WILL NOW INSIST ON THE ANSWERS I AM WAITING FOR, I ALWAYS FOUND WAYNE GOSS TO BE A SIMILAR PERSON OF HIGH INTEGRITY AND I AM SURE HE WILL VOUCH FOR ME IF YOU CARE TO ASK HIM.

Yours Faithfully

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4th DEC. 2006

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Minister for Infrastructure**

Mrs Joyce Milligan
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Dear Mrs Milligan

Thank you for your letter of 6 November 2006 concerning the Borumba Dam. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Deputy Premier.

The Deputy Premier notes your comments with interest and appreciates the trouble you have gone to send detailed information.

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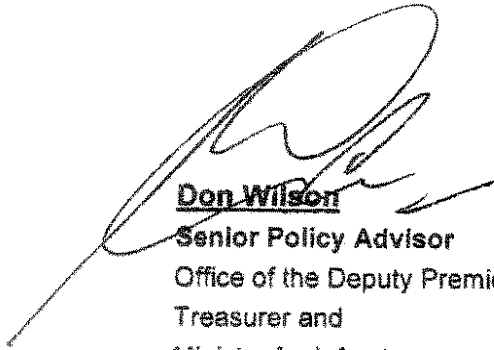
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Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Deputy Premier.

Yours sincerely

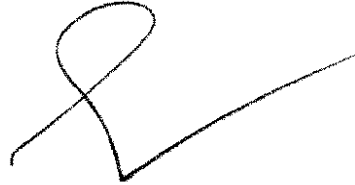


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As I believe, the Deputy Premier gave an undertaking to Mr. Mah that his proposal as enunciated at thelympie meeting will be provided to independent analysts for assessment. The State will pay for this advice and make the result available for publication.





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18 DEC 2006

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Dear Mr Milligan

Thank you for your email of 13 November 2006 to the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure, requesting flood data for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam. The Deputy Premier has asked me to respond on her behalf.

The flood modelling for Traveston Crossing Dam has been based on a flood with a one percent Annual Exceedence Probability (AEP) to derive the area of land required for the dam. In other words, there is a less than one percent probability of the flood waters ever exceeding this height.

Specific flood modelling data for Traveston Crossing dam is provided for your information as follows:

Flood Height Stage 2 (1% AEP)	EL 82.75 metres AHD*
Capacity Megalitres at flood (1% AEP)	831,000 megalitres
Area (hectares) inundated at flood (1% AEP)	8,900 hectares
Area (hectares) for Stage 2 including buffer	9,815 hectares

*Australian Height Datum

For added safety, the dam will be designed to pass the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF), in accordance with the Australian National Committee on Large Dam Guidelines (ANCOLD) and Queensland Dam Safety Guidelines.

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To put this into context, such an event has never been experienced in Australia's recorded history and has an Annual Exceedence Probability of less than 0.0002% (i.e. less than a 1 in 500,000 likelihood of occurring). This notional 'armageddon' type of flood was modelled at approximately EL92.2 metres, with the potential area impacted approximately 14,300 hectares.

Thank you for your correspondence on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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Treasurer and

Minister for Infrastructure

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