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RE: INQUIRY INTO TRAVESTON DAM 25.3.07

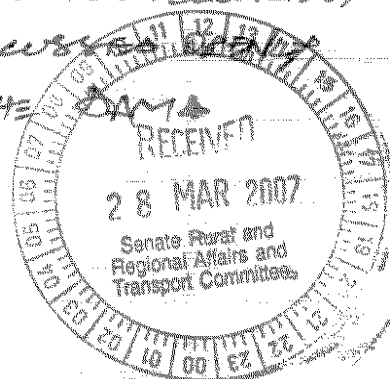
FUTURE CATCHMENT CONTROLS FOR THE PROPOSED DAM.

THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO DATE ABOUT CATCHMENT PROTECTION AND THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE CONTROLS.

DURING THE WOLFFSBENE DAM PROTEST CAMPAIGN WE SUCCESSFULLY FORCED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THIS SUBJECT. THIS WAS CARRIED OUT BY PROFESSOR BURTON OF UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLANDS ARMIDALE. HIS REPORT TITLED "REVIEW OF BUFFER ZONE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED WOLFFSBENE DAM - MAIN REPORT" - AUGUST 1989, WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

IT IS QUITE CLEAR IN THIS REPORT THAT TO CONTROL LAND USE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF CONTROLLING WATER QUALITY IN THE DAM.

WE KNOW THAT THE CATCHMENT OF TRAVESTON DAM IS 2110 KM² AND THEREFORE THE PROPOSED LAND USE LIMITATIONS & CATCHMENT CONTROLS INCLUDING SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL LIMITS, NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED PRIOR TO THE GREEN LIGHT FOR THE DAM'S CONSTRUCTION.

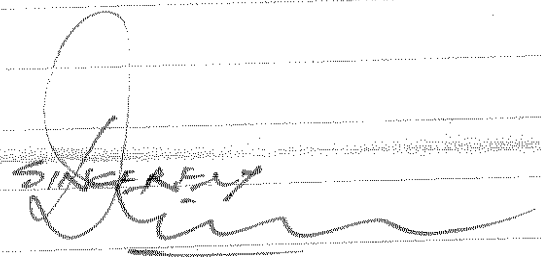


FURTHER THE LEGISLATION ALREADY EXISTS TO ASSIST THE DAM OPERATORS AND OWNERS A PRIME EXAMPLE IS WIVENHOE / SOMERSET CATCHMENT CONTROLS NOW UNDER SEAWATER'S CONTROL REFER 2002 / 2003 ANNUAL ENVIRONMENT REPORT WHICH ADDRESSES THEIR KEY AIM TO PROTECT THE QUALITY OF THE WATER IN THE DAM SO THAT THEY CAN SUPPLY SAFE CLEAN DRINKING WATER.

IT BECOMES BELIEF THAT THIS TOPIC HAS NOT BEEN CANVASSED AT LENGTH WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THEREFORE THERE ARE PROBABLY DISCUSSION PAPERS AVAILABLE TO YOUR COMMITTEE.

AS I SAID TO MY KNOWLEDGE ^{THERE HAS NOT} BEEN ANY PUBLIC DISCUSSION TO DATE, AND I WONDER WHY. ?

I COULD COPY RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THESE REPORTS TO INCLUDE HERE, BUT I AM THOROUGHLY SICK TO DEATH OF DOING THE GOVERNMENT'S WORK AT NO RECOMPENSE.

YOURS SINCERELY

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