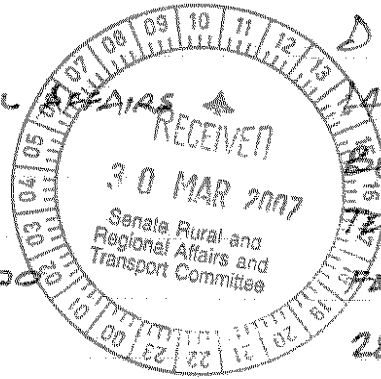


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RE: SENATE INQUIRY INTO TRAVESTON DAM

DEAR SIR / MADAM

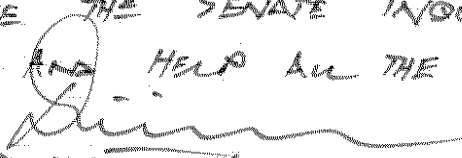
MY 5th. SUBMISSION TODAY IS BASED ON THE COMPLETE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY OF THE QLD. GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC UTTERANCES CONCERNING THE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT TO DATE, UNDER THE HARDSHIP ACQUISITION PROGRAM, INSTITUTED BY THE GOVT LAST YEAR.

TO THIS END I HAVE ATTACHED A COPY OF MY LETTER DATED 16.3.07 TO THE DEPUTY PREMIER ANNA BUGH, THE SAME LETTER WAS SENT TO 4 NEWSPAPERS TO MOUNT PRESSURE ON ANNA BUGH TO REVEAL THE FULL STORY.

TO DATE NOT ONE RESPONSE HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING.

WHY SHOULD THE ^{QLD.} GOVT BE ALLOWED TO SPIN THAT 39% OF THE PEOPLE HAVE NOW SOLD THEREFORE ARGUING THAT OPPOSITION TO THE DAM CANNOT BE VERY STRONG.

THE TAXPAYERS OF QUEENSLAND SHOULD BE TOLD HOW MUCH IS THE TOTAL COST FOR LAND ACQUISITION & HOW MUCH IT HAS COST TO DATE. AND WHAT ARE THE LAND AREAS ACQUIRED FOR THAT EXPENDITURE. I HOPE THE SENATE INQUIRY CAN OBTAIN THE FULL FACTS AND HELP ALL THE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND.

SINCERELY ... 
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DON,
YESTERDAY 15.3.07 THE DEPUTY PREMIER RELEASED
THE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES ACQUIRED FOR THE DAM,
AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH HER STATEMENT ON
THE ABC 612 DRIVE PROGRAMME ON 26.2.07
AT 17.45 PM WITH KELLY HIBBINS - DEVINE

" THAT WE ARE AN OPEN BOOK AND DO NOT
HAVE ANYTHING TO HIDE."

WE NOW CALL ON MS. SLIGH TO " OPEN THE
BOOKS " AND SHOW THE QLD. TAXPAYERS
HOW MUCH IT HAS COST TO DATE. (REFER TABLE
ATTACHED)

TO THIS END, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO
NOW REVEAL THE DETAILED COSTING
ESTIMATES FOR STAGE 1 AND THE FINAL
STAGE OF THE TRAVESTON DAM AND THEN
WE CAN ALL EXAMINE WHAT PROGRESS IS
ACTUALLY OCCURRING. EVALUATING BY AREA
AND ACQUISITION COST IS A MUCH MORE
REALISTIC MEASURE THAN BY NUMBER
OF PROPERTIES ACQUIRED, AS WHO KNOWS
THE PROPERTIES SO FAR ACQUIRED " AS
HARDSHIP " MAY BE A FAR SMALLER
PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL BY VALUE OR AREA REQD.
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TRAVESTON DAM - LAND ACQUISITIONS

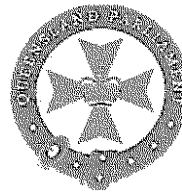
	NO. OF PROPERTIES	AREA TO BE ACQUIRED	MILLION \$ TOTAL COST
STAGE 1	332	2,900 HA	\$
(INCL. STAGE 1) STAGE 2	597	9,800 HA.	\$
FROM	ANNA BLIGH'S	STATEMENT IN THE	HOUSE 15.3.07
STAGE 1	101 (30%) % %
(INCL. STAGE 1) STAGE 2	234 (39%) % %

PLEASE COMPLETE THE MISSING INFORMATION
 IN THE TABLES ABOVE :-

THERE SHOULD BE 3 MEASURES OF PROGRESS

1. BY NUMBER OF PROPERTIES
2. BY LAND AREA ACQUIRED
3. BY VALUE ACQUIRED

REGARDS DAVE MILLIGAN.



Speech by

Hon. ANNA BLIGH

MEMBER FOR SOUTH BRISBANE

Hansard Thursday, 15 March 2007

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Water Infrastructure

Hon. AM BLIGH (South Brisbane—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure) (9.53 am): I am pleased to advise the House that progress on major water projects that will drought proof south-east Queensland is proceeding at a cracking pace. These projects are the building blocks of this government's response to the worst drought in the region's history. I am pleased to inform the House that, despite the constant whingeing of the critics opposite, we are forging ahead with the largest urban drought response in the nation's history.

Property acquisitions for the Traveston Crossing Dam are progressing apace. To date, the government has reached 234 agreements to sell. This represents 39 per cent of the required properties for both stages of the project. One hundred and one agreements are on stage 1 properties and this represents 30 per cent of the land required for the first stage of the dam. The draft terms of reference for the environmental impact study, released by the Coordinator-General for public consultation, have closed. Some 260 submissions were received and are now being assessed. I thank those who made the effort to participate in the process. Of the 260 submissions, 213 were from the public, 30 were from community organisations and 17 were from advisory agency submissions.

Strangely, despite all their noise, all of their criticism and all the offering of false hope, not one submission has been received from the National Party, the Liberal Party, or any local MP—state or federal—and not one has been received from the member for Gympie.

Mr Johnson: He's a burr under your saddle.

Ms BLIGH: If that is a burr, give me a crop. To date, as the House knows, the contribution from the members opposite and their federal counterparts is to peddle ill-informed criticism of the dam. But given the chance to actually do one small bit of real work, they have not lifted a finger.

I can also advise the House that today planning for the northern pipeline interconnector will enter its next phase, with notices of entry under section 136 of the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act being issued to about 330 landholders in the Morayfield, Lander Shute and Palmwood areas. This will allow state government planners access to properties to make detailed assessments as they refine the pipeline corridor and determine if easements are required.

I turn now to the Logan River water supply scheme, which will ensure security of supply to the fast-growing Beaudesert and Logan regions. Today, I can confirm that the government has secured a site for the \$38 million Bromelton offstream storage, which will work in conjunction with the Cedar Grove Weir and the proposed Wyaralong Dam to trap water that would otherwise flow to the sea. It will be developed next to the Logan River at Brabazon Road on a site that has minimal environmental cultural heritage or social impacts.

Mr Mickel: Fantastic for jobs.

Ms BLIGH: I take that interjection from the minister for employment. Indeed, it is fantastic for jobs. But best of all, the acquisition of this site means that this project is now expected to be delivered well ahead of the scheduled completion date of March 2009. So as members can see from these reports on just three of our projects, we are getting on with the job and our major water projects are on track.

ned valley

andal kills park's mature shade trees



ra councillor Tim Dwyer is concerned about the possible poisoning of a stand of native trees at Happy Valley.

PHOTO: BARRY LEDDICOAT/163994



Happy Valley have been poisoned.

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The screens will be in place to protect those trees in their early stages so the sea breezes don't stop them from

growing properly.

"This isn't the first time this has happened; in actual fact if people are doing it for views, they won't get the result they wanted.

"If we can find any culprits I'd like to think the EPA would support us in any case against them," Mr Dwyer said.

"Each year council spends tens of thousands of dollars of ratepayers' money on vandalised vegetation, so it would be very beneficial for everyone to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity."

Local couple Andy and Maureen Anderson walk through the parklands once a day, taking advantage of the shade offered by the stands of native trees.

They said they had noticed the trees losing leaves months ago.

"It has been this way for months, it started slowly then went very quickly," Mr Anderson said.

"If they can catch somebody for this, they deserve to be hung; it's a shocking thing to do."

Mrs Anderson said the poisonings had had an effect on native fauna.

"Black cockatoos feed on the banksia seeds; now they will be forced to go somewhere else.

"It's sad to see this happen, regardless of why," she said.

"People come down to enjoy the beach; now they've lost their shade."



DAM BUYS: Anna Bligh.

Bligh: Property buy-up on track

NEARLY 40% of residents whose properties will be affected by the proposed Traveston Dam have agreed to sell, the Queensland government said yesterday.

Deputy Premier Anna Bligh told state parliament that property acquisitions for the planned \$1.7 billion Traveston Crossing Dam near Gympie were "progressing apace".

"To date, the government has reached 234 agreements to sell," Ms Bligh said.

"This represents 39% of the required properties for both stages of the project.

"One hundred and one agreements are on stage one properties and this represents 30% of the land required for the first stage of the dam."

The controversial dam is the subject of a federal parliamentary inquiry following uproar from local residents.

Ms Bligh said the draft terms of reference for the environmental impact study, released for public consultation, had closed.

"Some 260 submissions were received and are now being assessed," she said.

Ms Bligh said that despite the coalition's criticism of the dam at both state and federal levels, the state government had not received any submissions from Liberal or National party MPs.

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Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure The Honourable Anna Bligh

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

Extensive modelling reduces Traveston Dam impact: Bligh

The Traveston Crossing Dam's finalised plan has the number of homes and properties affected reduced by 403, Deputy Premier Anna Bligh told State Parliament this morning.

Ms Bligh said that the Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams (separate release) are major projects and their importance to South East Queensland's water future cannot be overstated.

"Significantly, the realignment of the Dam wall and the reduction in the Traveston Crossing Dam area means that the number of homes and properties affected has been reduced **by 403**.

The final dam wall alignment and subsequent detailed flood modelling means that a total of 597 properties - not the original 1000 - will be affected by dam inundation or road alignment changes.

"We have reduced the dam's impact, but we still get the same yield. This is a good outcome and we have made Gympie safer."

Geotechnical investigation has allowed the realignment of the dam wall and more accurate flood modelling has reduced the overall land needed from 13700 hectares to 9800 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 dams construction.

Traveston Crossing Stage 1, which is estimated to cost \$1.7 billion, has a completion date of 2011 and Stage 2, if required, by 2035.

Stage 1's capacity is now 153,000 megalitres with a yield of 70,000 megalitres. The completed Stage 2, by 2035 will have a capacity of a massive 570,000 megalitres with a yield of up to 150,000 megalitres.

The Deputy Premier has invited landholders in the Traveston area to a public forum in Gympie on Friday.

	Stage 1	July 2006 Estimates Stage 1 (Premier's announcement)	Stage 2	July 2006 Estimate Stage 2 (Premier's announcement)
Total Properties affected	332	500	597 (includes stage 1 amount i.e. 265 more)	1000
Houses required for Dam and roads	76	NA	204 (includes stage 1 amount i.e. 128 more)	556 (excluding road requirements)

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