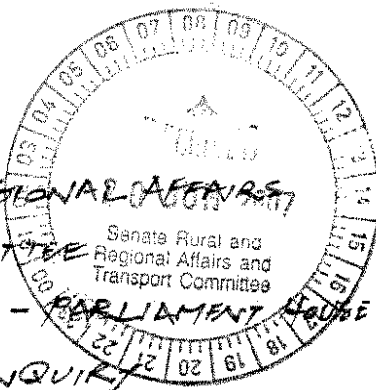


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COMMITTEE SECRETARY
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RE: TRAVESTON DAM INQUIRY



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I LIKE ALL OTHER QUEENSLANDERS WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE COST OF THE PROPOSED TRAVESTON CROSSING DAM, SO I WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF WRITING SUBMISSIONS TO YOUR INQUIRY.

I EXPECT THAT YOUR COMMITTEE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO DEMAND THE FACTS AND THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REAL COSTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR STATED "TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THIS INQUIRY."

IT APPEARS THAT THE LATEST EVIDENCE PROVIDED BY THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AT THE JUNE 4TH. HEARING CONTAINED A SINGLE PAGE ON THE COSTING FOR THIS MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT.

AS AN ^{AUSTRALIAN} TAXPAYER & RATEPAYER IN S.E. QLD. THIS INSULTS MY INTELLIGENCE AND I HOPE IT ALSO INSULTS YOU THE SENATORS ON THIS COMMITTEE.

I EXPECT THAT NOW 14 MONTHS AFTER THE INITIAL PRONOUNCEMENT BY PREMIER BEATTIE THAT THIS CANNOT BE "THE FACTS" ABOUT THE DETAILED COSTING CONTINUALLY BEING DENIED TO THE PEOPLE WHO WILL HAVE TO PAY THE FULL COST OF THE PROJECT.

ON THE COSTINGS
THIS SINGLE PAGE [^] QUITE OBVIOUSLY HAS BEEN PREPARED TO JUSTIFY THE \$1.7 BILLION COSTING CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENT TITLED "WATER FOR SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND - A LONG TERM SOLUTION" DATED JUNE 2006. THIS DOCUMENT WAS HASTILY STITCHED TOGETHER ITSELF TO JUSTIFY A DECISION ANNOUNCED 2 MONTHS EARLIER BY THE PREMIER IN APRIL WITHOUT ANY PRIOR CONSULTATION WHATSOEVER.

SINCE LAST JUNE '06 THE GOVERNMENT WAS FORCED TO RELOCATE AND CONSEQUENTLY REDUCE THE CAPACITY OF STAGE 1 FROM 180,000 ML. TO 153,000 ML. THE PROPOSED DAM WALL WAS RELOCATED 900 M. UPSTREAM FROM THE ORIGINAL TRAVESTON CROSSING DAM AND THERE WAS AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL BORE HOLES CARRIED OUT ON THE NEW ALIGNMENT.

IN THAT 12 INTERVENING MONTHS THE Q.W.I. HAS BUSIED ITSELF SPENDING OUR MONEY ON CONSULTANTS FOR EVERY CONCEIVABLE ASPECT OF THIS DAM, BUT NOT PREPARED ANY DETAILED COSTINGS FOR THIS MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT.

I WILL NOT BE TREATED AS A FOOL AND I HOPE YOUR COMMITTEE WILL ALSO RESENT BEING TREATED THAT WAY.

FURTHER THE COST OF THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPARED TO THE ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLIES, WHICH CAN ONLY BE DONE ACCURATELY BY USING THE CORRECT COSTS AND YIELDS.

NOT ONLY HAS THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT IGNORED THE LATEST COSTINGS BUT THEY HAVE NOT REDUCED "THE YIELD" FIGURE FOR STAGE 1 IT WAS 7,000 ML./YEAR IN THE JUNE 2006 DOCUMENT AND THEY STILL STATE IT IS 7,000 ML. IN JUNE 2007.

IN SPITE OF REDUCING THE DAM IN SIZE SINCE JUNE ^{LAST YEAR,} IN SPITE OF ALL THE EXPERT EVIDENCE PROVIDED TO THIS INQUIRY THIS YEAR ABOUT MEAN STREAM FLOWS SINCE THE DROUGHT, THE SEEPAGE AND EVAPORATION RATES THAT THIS DAM WILL SUFFER FROM, THE LOSSES DUE TO WEED INFESTATION, THE YIELD IS STILL THE SAME AS PROJECTED, ALLOWING FOR 85% STREAM FLOWS.

ALL THE GEOLOGICAL, ENGINEERING & HYDROLOGY STUDIES UNDERTAKEN IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS BY THE Q.W.I. CONSULTANTS & OTHER GOVT AGENCIES HAS REVEALED THE EXACT SAME YIELD AS BEFORE THEY WERE UNDERTAKEN.

I JUST DONT BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE, DO YOU. ? PLEASE REQUEST THE LATEST DOCUMENTS TO CHECK ITS VERACITY.

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