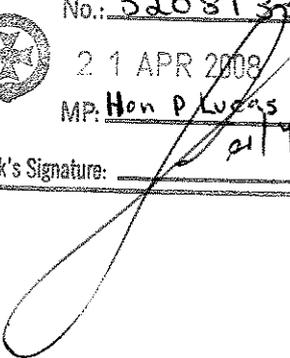




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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 27 August 2007 addressed to the former Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure, the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, referring to petition number 884-07 tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 21 August 2007, regarding the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam on the Mary River.

I request that the following response be tabled.

The Government acknowledges that a decision to build any new dam is a very difficult decision to accept, especially for residents and communities affected by the proposal. No dam can be built without having an impact; however, by necessity, dams will continue to be an important and integral element of South East Queensland's regional water supply strategy.

The potential impacts outlined in petition 884-07 are important issues to be fully assessed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. On 20 October 2006, the Coordinator-General declared the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam to be a significant project under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*, commencing the process to fully investigate the environmental, social and economic impacts of this project, in accordance with Commonwealth and State Government requirements.

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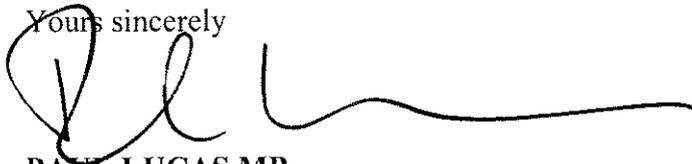
The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the project's EIS were finalised and released by the Coordinator-General on 7 August 2007, after consideration of a total of 262 submissions on the draft ToR. Key issues raised in public submissions included social and economic impacts, impact of changed flow regimes on threatened and endangered species which include lungfish, turtles and Mary River Cod, impacts on the Great Sandy Strait and Fraser Island, as well as changes to flood regimes. These issues have been reflected in the final ToR, and will be assessed in the EIS for the Project.

I can confirm that the issues raised in petition 884-07 are covered by the ToR for the project's EIS.

The project proponent, Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd, completed the EIS in October 2007. The EIS was released by the Coordinator-General for public review and comment from 22 October 2007 to 14 January 2008.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Lucas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PAUL LUCAS MP

Deputy Premier

Minister for Infrastructure and Planning