



Hon Henry Palaszczuk MP
Member for Inala



**Queensland
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**Minister for Natural Resources,
Mines and Water**

Ref CTS 04802/06

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Mr N J Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Cnr Alice and George Streets
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Dear Mr Laurie 

I refer to your letter of 7 June 2006 enclosing a copy of E-Petition No. 646-06 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition requests that the House decides not to proceed with the construction of a dam at Tilley's Bridge, Rathdowney.

Preliminary investigations on possible dam sites within the SEQ identified Wyaralong and Tilley's Bridge as preferred options for further assessment in the region. After careful consideration of a range of factors the Queensland Government has decided to pursue the construction of the Wyaralong Dam in preference to the Tilley's Bridge option. This means the Tilley's Bridge Dam will not be built.

The final go ahead is dependent on various Commonwealth and State Government approvals which are still required. On-ground geotechnical assessments and other assessments all need to be completed before these approvals can be obtained. Further assessment following the preliminary feasibility study would include a rigorous environmental impact assessment and impact mitigation activities and extensive community consultation in accordance with Commonwealth and State environmental protection legislation.

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Further information is available on the website www.nrm.qld.gov.au/water. The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water has also established a hotline to address questions about the progress of the investigations and to take advice from the community concerning issues that need to be addressed. The hotline phone number is 1800 243 585.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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