



The Honourable Mark Bailey MP
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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

Re: Petitions received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 2755–17 and 2705–17

I refer to your letter of 15 May 2017 enclosing a copy of Petition Nos. 2755–17 and 2705–17 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition draws to the attention of the House, the water supply security for residents in the Dayboro region.

The water supply of Dayboro is managed by South East Queensland's Bulk Water Supply Authority – Seqwater.

Water supply for Dayboro is currently sourced by two bores adjacent to Armstrong Creek, which supply the existing water treatment plant.

As part of its longer term water supply planning, Seqwater is examining water security options to support future growth for Dayboro. The key option being investigated is an upgrade to the existing Dayboro Water Treatment Plant with additional bores. This will include Seqwater undertaking a detailed study of the existing aquifer to determine its ability to meet the long term water supply requirements for the area.

Seqwater is also undertaking some natural asset and catchment works to improve the recharge of the groundwater supply impacted by extreme weather events over recent years.

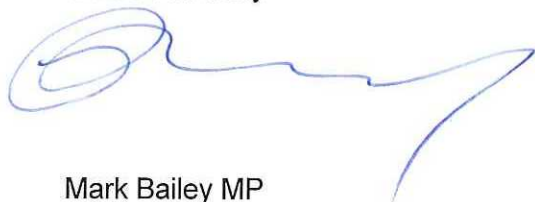
Seqwater has also assessed the option of connecting Dayboro to the South East Queensland Water Grid via the North Pine Water Treatment Plant. However, initial assessments indicate the localised option is more cost effective. Connection to the water grid is estimated to cost up to \$15 million, compared to approximately \$3 million for a plant upgrade and increased bore capacity.

All costs associated with Seqwater's infrastructure investment and operations are included in the bulk water prices paid by all South East Queensland water consumers, therefore Seqwater has an obligation to provide its services as efficiently and cost effectively as possible.

A final decision on the most effective water security option is currently scheduled for 2019. However, Seqwater will continue to monitor the situation and adjust its investment program if required.

Seqwater remains committed to ensuring that there continues to be a safe and secure water supply for Dayboro into the future.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply**