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Mr Neil Laurie
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Deputy Premier,
Treasurer and
Minister for Infrastructure

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition number 810-07 tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly on the 19th April 2007 regarding the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

I request that the following response be tabled.

The Government acknowledges that it's decision to build a dam in the Traveston area has caused local residents and communities a high degree of concern and distress, however by necessity, dams will continue to be an important element of the future regional water supply strategy. Working through the Community Futures Taskforce, we are endeavouring to address the immediate impacts and also plan for the future.

Specifically, all the concerns raised by the petitioners are addressed in the State Government's recent submission to the Senate Inquiry which may be found on the Coordinator General's web site <http://www.coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au/index.shtm>. They are also contained in the draft terms of reference for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and will be rigorously addressed during this process.

Finally, the EIS will be submitted to the Commonwealth Government for assessment in terms of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*.

Yours sincerely

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