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ANOTHER BLIGH LIE ON TRAVESTON

Premier Bligh has misled parliament and the people of Queensland yet again with her blatantly false statement in the chamber last week.

In answer to a question from Member for Gympie, David Gibson, she told parliament that the supplementary Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam “has been provided to relevant stakeholders including the local government”.

She went on to say “it is a document that has been made available to all of the relevant stakeholders. They have been given an opportunity to comment on it. Their comments will be incorporated in all of the material – that is, forwarded to the state government, forwarded to the federal government and made fully public.”

A simple enquiry to the Fraser Coast Regional Council reveals that Council has been completely ignored in the commentary process.

Council CEO Andrew Brien said “We have not received a copy.”

“This shows the Bligh government’s continued complete contempt for the people of the Fraser Coast,” said Chairman of the Greater Mary Association, Darryl Stewart. “With around 50 percent of the Mary catchment within its boundaries, the Fraser Coast is obviously a relevant stakeholder on anything affecting the Mary River.”

Not to mention the more than 10,000 submissions to the original Environmental Impact Statement which came from the Fraser Coast!”

“Is this another “mistake, pure and simple,” as local Hervey Bay Minister, Andrew McNamara is wont to say, or is this another example of the State government attempting to perpetuate the lie that there will be no downstream effects if Traveston Crossing Dam is built?”

Why didn’t Mr. McNamara show some backbone and insist that his electorate be included as a relevant stakeholder?”



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“The Premier said there is no secrecy to the supplementary EIS”, said Mr Stewart.
“Unfortunately, the whole dam process has been shrouded in secrecy and mistruths and the Premier’s statements just add to the sorry saga.”

Mr. Stewart said that the Greater Mary Association had been asking Mr. McNamara for months to address a public meeting on the downstream effects of the proposed dam on his own electorate. At the Hervey Bay community cabinet meeting in June the Premier also promised to speak to the people of the Fraser Coast on the benefits of the proposed dam.

“Despite repeated contact with their respective offices, the silence from both camps has been deafening,” he said. “We have to wonder what they are afraid of. The residents of the Fraser Coast have every right to be outraged at the contemptuous treatment meted out by the Bligh government.”

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