

Dear Senators,

Given the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry into the operation of the EPBCA, there can be no question that the Queensland State Government's proposal to dam the Mary River must be stopped. The arguments against the dam have been laid out many times now in great detail. The argument put forward by the State Government for the dam highlights successive governments' mismanagement of water resources from the ill-advised removal and banning of household tanks thirty odd years ago to the disastrous Paradise Dam.

Dams kill ecosystems and degrade the natural environment. This one proposes to also destroy many acres of prime agricultural land which future generations will need for food production.

There is no valid reason for this proposed environmental vandalism. If this Senate Inquiry is a legitimate process and not just political window-dressing, the proposed Traveston Crossing dam - and any other proposal to dam any of our rivers - will be disallowed. There is no other possible outcome.

Sincerely,
Katherine Webb