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To Whom It May Concern

Your Reference: Queensland Floods

For the Government to say the release of water from Wivenhoe had no affect on flooding is mad. Fill a bucket to the brim then continue to pour water in and then say it won't spill over is their logic. The water released overnight at an increased volumn caused the Bremer River to stop flowing at the junction with the Brisbane River. Therefore backing up and flooding at Ipswich, Karalee etc. as witnessed by a person living above that junction during the night.

Further regarding Wivenhoe Dam it was stated on 4BC that the original specification was that Wivenhoe should be no more than 30% before November the 1st. It was infact 100%. I phoned the ministers office when Wivenhoe was at 15% with acres of exposed land and the battle over Traveston Dam was raging. I suggested that they dig Wivenhoe Dam deeper to increase capacity and was told that it cant be done as it would break the seal of the dam and water would be lost. Would it matter as the dam was built for flood mitigation as its primary purpose? The silt dug out would be valuable top soil that could have been sold. The \$65 million lost on the Traveston Dam project would have moved an awful lot of dirt at Wivenhoe.

Also I would like to know how permission was given to build up a natural flood plain where the water should have gone ie. the industrial site on the left hand side of the highway just before the Bremer Bridge and at present they are building the right hand side up also which will compound the problem.

One other point, under the old Moreton Shire Council building regulations would not allow building below the 100 year flood plain. When amalgamated with Ipswich who had a 20 year flood plain level till approximately 7 years ago and extended to the 100 year standard. within the last 7 years several places have been built well below and were in fact inundated in Goodna. On enquiring with council I was told planning permission was probably given prior to the change 8 years before, believe it or not! An example of this would be the Child Care Centre on the site of the old saw mill in Goodna which was built approximately 2 years ago and was completely inundated.

Yours Sincerely
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