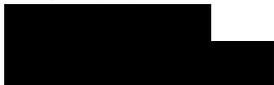


Submission Re Somerset and Wivenhoe Dams

Circumstances leading to the January floods of 2011 have been widely circulated and can be easily verified.

- **Rain throughout 2010 and both dams were near capacity.**
- **December 2010, 506 mm of rain was recorded at ‘Wundaburra’ on part of the Stanley River catchment, with more rain recorded up stream.**
- **Water was pushed up the Stanley River from the overfull Dam and over farming land.**
- **Gates on the Somerset Dam were open for a short time, then closed again.**
- **Both dams were over full, more heavy rain was forecast but nothing was done.**
- **Wivenhoe Dam was constructed as a flood mitigation measure after the 1974 floods.**
- **It was not used as it had been intended.**
- **January 2011, more heavy rain, nothing was done and no communication whatever from SEQWater to the communities up stream.**
- **Water was released from Wivenhoe – too little, too late – causing more problems down stream,**
- **Water was pushed upstream from the overfull Somerset Dam. Communities upstream were not flooded from the Stanley River – much of the water was still water being backed up.**
- **Roads still out – as of 08.03.11. Due to prolonged inundation, roads will continue to fail.**
- **Power boxes destroyed – insurance denied.**
- **Machinery inundated.**
- **Fences destroyed and damaged.**
- **Lucerne crop destroyed.**
- **Millet crop destroyed.**
- **Cow pea crop destroyed.**
- **Pastures destroyed.**
- **Livestock missing.**
- **No communication whatever from SEQWater.**
- **Inundation caused by Somerset Dam.**
- **No notice to landholders of deliberate inundation by SEQWater.**
- **Prolonged power outages – no notice. Foodstuffs destroyed.**
- **Now March 2011 – dams are over capacity – heavy rain is forecast – what is being done? Nothing. What has been learnt from the January floods?**
- **Somerset Dam is now overfull and we are worried about a repeat inundation for the third time this season.**

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Photos of flood and damage are available if required.