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Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry
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Dear Sirs

RE: Submission to Flood Inquiry

After the 1974 floods Wivenhoe Dam was built as a flood mitigation dam – not for drinking water. At the time Wivenhoe Dam was built, the people of Queensland were told that the dam would contain any future flood.

As the population of Brisbane grew and grew after 1974, the dam started to be used for drinking water. This meant that the use of the dam for flood mitigation purposes started to decrease.

I have been reading the papers and following the news on television after the recent floods in January and it is obvious that different Government departments are blaming one another for the timing of the release of the water from Wivenhoe Dam.

It is time to stop the bickering and playing the blame game. Instead, it is time to get on with the job of making sure that a flood of this magnitude does not happen again.

You will recall that there previously was a proposal to build a dam near Beenleigh and Canungra, which was never built due to political reasons. Had this dam been built, it would have helped to keep Wivenhoe Dam as a flood mitigation dam only.

It is obvious that the Wivenhoe Dam wall should be raised and more dams, locks and weirs should be built to contain the water that came down from Toowoomba.

For a capital city like Brisbane to flood is simply not acceptable. It portrays a poor image to the rest of the world. By applying common sense, all of the disaster and devastation could have easily been avoided.

Yours faithfully,



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DIRECTOR**