

Bradley John

From: Bradley John
Sent: Friday, 14 January 2011 8:55 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Water Supply is looking better

Fyi

From: Barry Dennien [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2011 08:26 PM
To: Bradley John; Ken Smith [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Water Supply is looking better

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Regards

Barry

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From: Bradley John
Sent: Friday, 14 January 2011 8:32 PM
To: Dennien Barry @ SEQWGM; Ken Smith [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Water Supply is looking better

That's great barry, thanks.

regards,
John B

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From: Bradley John
Sent: Saturday, 15 January 2011 12:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Ken Smith
Subject: Response to Minister Robertson on 24/12
Attachments: Letter to Minister - flood management.doc; ATT00001.htm
Lance /Ken

Further to separate discussions with you both today,

Attached is a copy should you need it today (due to media interest) of the advice which SEQWGM gave Min Robertson on 24/12 regarding whether there would be any flood mitigation benefit in drawing down dam levels below FSL before the wet season.

We are preparing the detailed advice requested by Min Robertson on these issues also which we have agreed with Lance to have ready by COB tomorrow prior to a meeting with Minister before Cabinet Monday.

regards

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From: Barry Dennien [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Saturday, 15 January 2011 7:34 AM
To: Bradley John
Subject: Fwd: Flood Letter - Minister

John

See attached

I will phone in the sdmg so I can attend the lord mayors disastereeting

We will have a full brief for you

Regards
Barry Dennien

Begin forwarded message:

From: Elaina Smouha <[REDACTED]>
Date: 14 January 2011 3:04:21 PM AEST
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Subject: Fwd: Flood Letter - Minister

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From: Bradley John
Sent: Saturday, 15 January 2011 8:40 AM
To: spiller daniel @ SEQWGM
Subject: Re: Discussion Paper on Dam Full Supply Level Investigations Seqwater Gated Storages
Thanks alot Dan

From: Dan Spiller [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2011 08:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]; Bradley John
Subject: Discussion Paper on Dam Full Supply Level Investigations Seqwater Gated Storages

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Bradley John

From: Bradley John
Sent: Sunday, 16 January 2011 9:57 PM
To: spiller daniel @ SEQWGM
Subject: RE: Talking points_Wivenhoe Dam releases

Thanks Dan - this is generally clear - suggest make the preface to the ANCOLD standard answer clearer, so the TPs reflect what the difference from the standard was

thanks
John B

From: Dan Spiller [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 16 January 2011 9:26 PM
To: Bradley John
Subject: Talking points_Wivenhoe Dam releases

For review in case you are still at it.

Dan

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From: Bradley John
Sent: Sunday, 16 January 2011 12:55 PM
To: Dennien Barry @ SEQWGM; spiller daniel @ SEQWGM
Subject: RE: Should the Wivenhoe have been bigger? | Courier Mail Andrew Bolt Blog
Barry

Can you pls ask Peter B to add this question to the BN today

Is it true Wivenhoe didn't comply with ANCOLD standard?

Why didn't you implement recommendations of the 2007 report ?

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From: Barry Dennien [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Sunday, 16 January 2011 7:25 AM
To: spiller daniel @ SEQWGM; Bradley John
Subject: Fwd: Should the Wivenhoe have been bigger? | Courier Mail Andrew Bolt Blog

For note

Regards
Barry Dennien

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barry Dennien <[REDACTED]>
Date: 16 January 2011 7:00:05 AM AEST
To: Peter Borrows <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Should the Wivenhoe have been bigger? | Courier Mail Andrew Bolt Blog

<http://blogs.news.com.au/couriermail/andrewbolt/index.php/couriermail/comments/>

Peter

It may be worthwhile starting to gather all dam studies and reports

Note this blog is selectively picking bits of information from the 2007 report

Talk later

Barry

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Barry Dennien

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From: Bradley John
Sent: Wednesday, 19 January 2011 8:08 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Wall Terry; Ellwood Dean; Reilly Bob
Subject: FW: Maintenance of water Supply Lockyer Valley towns supplied by Lowood Water Treatment Plant: Approval to vary floodwater releases under the Flood Mitigation Manual for Wivenhoe/Somerset Dams

Lance

For your information, happy to discuss

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From: Ellwood Dean
Sent: Tuesday, 18 January 2011 5:19 PM
To: Bradley John; Wall Terry; Best Debbie
Cc: Reilly Bob; McMMain Lisa
Subject: FW: Maintenance of water Supply Lockyer Valley towns supplied by Lowood Water Treatment Plant: Approval to vary floodwater releases under the Flood Mitigation Manual for Wivenhoe/Somerset Dams

Please see attached advice from GM OWSR regarding a variation to the Flood Mitigation Manual for Wivenhoe/Somerset dams. This advice will be included in the next sit rep as well.

Regards
Dean

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To: Ellwood Dean
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Hi Dean

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The desired outcome could be achieved by maintaining the existing level of releases for a further 12 hours from Wivenhoe, than planned. Reductions in releases were scheduled to commence at around 3 pm. (Releases would be gradually reduced so as to minimise the chances of river bank slumping)

Seqwater advised that maintaining the releases would reduce the full supply level in Wivenhoe/Somerset to 95% (instead of 100%), and that the Grid Manager had advised on 24 December that they had no "in principle" objection to Seqwater undertaking such action.

However, as such an approach constituted a variation to the flood release strategy approved in the Flood Mitigation Manual, approval from the CEO of DERM, or a delegated officer such as myself, was required. Such decisions are normally made by OWSR staff.

Decision

Given the circumstances, I approved the variation, as to do otherwise would potentially compromise drinking water supplies in the major Lockyer Valley towns. (Seqwater subsequently advised that the actual reduction in dam levels will be to 94.6% in Wivenhoe and 97.3% at Somerset)

Regards

Bob

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Dean /Terry

I appreciate that this issue had to be dealt with in a time critical manner. However, going forward I would like to ensure that I am fully briefed in advance of any regulatory actions or delegated decisions in relation to dam flood operations.

While I am not withdrawing the Chief Executive's formal delegations - precisely to ensure that time critical decision making can occur IF I cannot be contacted, I will require that future regulatory actions or delegated decisions are the subject of advice to me in advance.

Please use all channels including direct mobile contact and my Executive Office to contact me where the timing is urgent.

We should also inform Minister Robertson and his office in relation to these matters in a timely way
Thanks

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