## Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry

Statement in response to Dr Bruce Abernethy Report 'Brisbane River Flood January 2011 - Report on River Bank Erosion'

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- 1. I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation farmer on the mid Brisbane River in Kholo & Pine Mountain.
- 2. On 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 I met with Dr Bruce Abernethy (Geomorphologist at Sinclair Knight Merz), (Senior Environment Co-ordinator at Seqwater) and (Senior Associate at Allens Arthur Robinson representing Seqwater) on the property I agist cattle on located at Riverside Dr Pine Mountain. It is owned by my nephews

  My neighbour was also present.
- 3. We inspected the damage caused by the January 2011 flood and in particular one (of which there are five) of the massive slumps along the riverbank on this property.
- 4. I told him that we & our family lived on the river in the 1974 flood and the damage was nowhere near as bad as this flood we had very few riverbank slips, hardly any fences washed over or away, and very few trees knocked over or washed away. The river did not run as fast in 1974 as it did in January 2011. When the river reached a peak in 1974 it gradually declined back to normal slowly.
- 5. Whereas this latest flood the river ran at a really high level at a very fast rate for a number of days then it went down to the top of the low bank and stayed at that level for about 4 days then went down very quickly. After this the riverbanks fell in because they did not get a chance to dry out as they had in 1974.
- 6. It is these differences between the 1974 flood and the 2011 flood which caused the damage to the riverbanks, trees, fences & pump sites.

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