

**Statement of Leith Bouilly dated 31 January  
2012**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE QUEENSLAND FLOODS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY 2011**

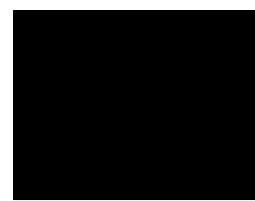
**A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY UNDER THE  
COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT 1950**

**AND PURSUANT TO THE  
COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ORDER (No. 1) 2011**

**STATEMENT OF LEITH BOULLY**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2012, I, **Leith Bouly**, of C/- 240 Margaret Street, Brisbane, state on oath:


1. I am a member of the Board of the Queensland Bulk Water Supply Authority (“**Seqwater**”).
2. This statement is provided to the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry pursuant to a "Requirement to Provide Statement" issued by the Commission dated 27 January 2012 (the *Requirement*).
3. There were lots of suggestions in press reports following the flood in January 2011 that Wivenhoe Dam had not been operated correctly. My recollection is that the Board had a number of discussions in Board meetings about these press reports. I cannot now remember the specifics of the discussions other than that I do recall we asked Peter Borrows, the Chief Executive Officer, to look into them. The context of the discussion was that Seqwater's technical staff, who were preparing a technical report into the event for the Dam Safety Regulator, needed to set out what had been done and why it had been done.
4. From my perspective, I was looking to Seqwater technical staff and management to set out clearly, in language that members of the public could understand, what had been done, why it had been done and whether or not that was in compliance with the Manual. At no stage during the period the Commission has identified did I have a communication with anyone in which it was suggested that there was a possibility of non-compliance with the Manual.
5. I understand that Mr Michael O'Brien corresponded with Leeanne Bond, my fellow board member. To the best of my recollection, I did not ever see this correspondence, but I do recall that Leeanne raised in at least one meeting of the Board that Mr O'Brien had sent her an email in which he had been critical of Seqwater's operation of Wivenhoe Dam. Ms Bond told the Board that she had forwarded the email to Seqwater's chairman, Phil Hennessy and Peter



Borrows. My recollection is that there was a brief discussion about whether Seqwater should respond directly to Mr O'Brien, and it was decided that Seqwater should not.

**SWORN** by **Leith Bouly** on 31 January 2012 at Brisbane in the presence of:

  
Deponent

  
Solicitor