18 August 2011

Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry
Commissioner of Inquiry
Justice Catherine E Holmes
GPO Box 1738
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Justice Holmes

RE: REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

As requested please find enclosed relevant material regarding Questions 1 and 2 of your correspondence.

All material in relation to applications and investigations made pursuant to Chinchilla Shire Council Local Law No. 42 (Levee Banks) between 1 January 2000 and 4 August 2011 are enclosed, and a brief description has been provided to identify each document.

To provide information to respond to Question 2, the approach has been to initially provide information on levees and banks in locations that have significant impact on flood flows that affect the regions towns.

Enclosed also are a list of levee banks and bunds known within Western Downs Regional Council. They are referenced via lot on plans/real property descriptions, which will give the location. A brief description is also included and a Map Info file that can be inputted into a GIS mapping system to create a layer.

The exact location of the levee banks are unknown and furthermore it is also not known if the banks are temporary or permanent, we would have to assume that they are permanent.

To use the information given, in isolation would not be totally accurate as there are many more banks (e.g. ring banks, head ditches, diversion banks and railway lines) within the Council area, which would have an influence on flood flows. To gather this information and correlate it will take significantly more time and resources than has been allowed and is available. While, full floodplain modelling would be necessary to have any degree of accuracy of the influence of any levees or banks.

If the information is not sufficient for the purpose it has been requested, any further detail requested can be investigated and attempts to gather can be made. The Department of Environment and Resource Management would have further information that Western Downs Regional Council do not hold.

Yours sincerely

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The Shire Clerk
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir

APPEAL -

I wish to advise that Messrs Carvosso and Winship, Solicitors for [redacted], have given formal notice of withdrawal of appeal.

Yours faithfully

for COMMISSIONER OF WATER RESOURCES
9 April, 1990

Water Resources Commission,
GPO Box 2454,
BRISBANE Q. 4001

Dear Sir,

Re: 

With reference to your letter of 3 April, 1990 Ref. 90/11535, concerning the above, I wish to advise that I have nothing further to add to my notification to you of 6 December, 1989.

It is suggested that be contacted to ascertain his intentions, Council has licensed the works proposed by Mr. 

Yours faithfully,

(Shire Clerk)
3 April 1990

The Shire Clerk
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCILLA  QLD  4413

Dear Sir

RE: APPEAL –


Will you please advise if there has been any progress in this matter since your last advice.

Yours faithfully

for COMMISSIONER OF WATER RESOURCES
6 December, 1939

[Redacted]

Water Resources Commission,
GPO Box 2454,
BRISBANE Q. 4000

Dear Sir,

Re: Appeal - [Redacted]

Further to previous correspondence and discussions on the above matter, your reference 89/2947/4, I wish to advise that Mr. [Redacted] has accepted Council's conditions for the licensing of his levee banks etc in accordance with Section 47(24).

Accordingly it is Council's understanding that this appeal will not be proceeding, however, [Redacted] will be responsible for withdrawing the appeal.

I enclose herewith a copy of Council's letter to [Redacted] and his reply thereto.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

(Shire Clerk)
Thank you for your letter of 25th October. I am very happy that we have settled our dispute without resorting to litigation. I am sure it could have been resolved much earlier if it had been kept free of politics.

Regarding paragraph (ii) of your letter, I will be happy to consult with [redacted] regarding the levels at which the culvert is to be installed. It would be desirable if the 1200 x 225 RCUs were delivered on site fairly soon, and the levels determined, so that they could be installed if weather conditions prevent other work being performed on the farm.

Yours truly
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Executive Building, Brisbane, the twenty-sixth day of October, 1969.

Present:

His Excellency the Governor in Council

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government Act 1936-1989,

1. Hereby rescinds the Order in Council made on the 20th day of October, 1968 and published in the Gazette on the 22nd day of October, 1968 which applied the provisions of section 47(24) of the Act to the whole of the Area of Chinchilla for a period of five years on and from the twenty-second day of October, 1968; and

2. (a) In respect of the whole of the Area of the Shire of Chinchilla, having been satisfied by the Chinchilla Shire Council that:

(i) Levee banks would be likely to affect natural drainage to such extent as to cause damage to land;

(ii) In general, having regard to land topography, and in the absence of a scheme of agricultural drainage, the natural flow of water should not be in any way affected by levee banks; and

(iii) Save as required, permitted or authorised under or pursuant to some other Act or permitted in writing by the Council, levee banks should be prohibited,

does hereby apply section 47(24) of the Act to all the parts of the Area of the Shire of Chinchilla other than the parts of the Area included in an approved plan under the Soil Conservation Act 1966;

(b) Having been satisfied that the cost of a scheme of agricultural drainage would probably be beyond the economic ability of owners of the lands which would be served thereby, does hereby upon the application of the Council, apply the subsection for a period of five years on and from the twenty-eighth day of October, 1989.

And the Honourable the Deputy Premier, Minister for Finance and Minister for Local Government is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

[Signature]

Clerk of the Council
25 October, 1989

P.O. Box 8,
WARDA Q 4413

Dear Sir,

Re: Permit – Levee Bank/Head Ditches

Further to previous discussions and correspondence regarding your application to license head ditches and levee banks, I wish to advise that Council have agreed to issue a permit to cover Sub 3 Portion 337 Parish of Earle and Wintens Road.

The permit is issued for a period of 5 years subject to the following conditions:

i) The R.L. of the head ditch formation is not to exceed the height of Wintens Road, under any circumstances.

ii) A 9 metre length of 1200 x 225 RCBC is to be placed across the roadway, to levels set by Council, at chainage 3650. Council will supply the culvert which shall be installed by yourself to Council’s specification and satisfaction.

iii) Provision for tail water from the southern side to cross the roadway through the RCBC at chainage 3650.

iv) At chainage 3650 an ant syphon pipe is to be placed in the head ditch to allow storm and tail drain water to pass through the head ditch into the tail drain that runs in a northerly direction.

v) The grass in the drains that service these tail water drains is to be kept mowed and free of any blockages at all times, weather permitting.

vi) The tail drain that runs in a northerly direction at chainage 4100 is to be constructed in such a manner that water cannot flow from it onto property described as Resub 1 of Sub 2 of Portion 434 Parish of Earle.
vii) All costs other than as in ii) above are to be met by 

Yours faithfully,

(Shire Clerk)
28 September, 1989

[Contact Name]
Water Resources Commission,
G.P.O. Box 2454,
BRISBANE Q. 4001

Dear Sir,

Re: [Redacted]

With reference to previous correspondence in relation to this matter, I would advise that it appears that the appeal will not now proceed, however this is up to [Redacted] Council have set conditions on the license to [Redacted], who has recently indicated his verbal acceptance thereto, with minor amendments.

It is now Councils intention to forward the agreed conditions for licensing to [Redacted] and obtain his written acceptance thereto, following which should see the withdrawal of the appeal.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]
(Shire Clerk)
19th September, 1989

The Shire Clerk
Chinchilla Shire Council
P.O. Box 42
CHINCILLA QLD 4413

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 31st July, 1989 concerning an appeal by [redacted] against the decision of Council in respect to an application under the provisions of Section 47(24) of the Local Government Act.

Would you please advise if the matter has been resolved or if the appeal is to proceed.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

for COMMISSIONER OF WATER RESOURCES
I. Southey (1/11/7) - Ltr 3

Recommendation

4. Moved Cr. Nousala seconded Cr. McCutcheon that approval be granted for [redacted] to operate the pie cart within the Shire on the condition that relevant police approval is obtained and that the cart is not setup adjacent to existing similar premises is observed.

CARRIED.

Water Resources Commission (9/1/2) - Ltr 4

Recommendation

5. Moved Cr. McCutcheon seconded Cr. Green that Council advise the Water Resources Commission that in General terms no environmental problems are anticipated with the weir Construction. Council to once again advise the Commission that Council's agreement to the proposed weirs is subject to them having no detrimental affect on the water supplies of Brigalow and Chinchilla.

CARRIED.

Australian Local Government Association (5/1/2) - Ltr 5

RECEIVED.

[Redacted] - Levee Bank License (11/1/2) - Ltr 6

Recommendation

6. Moved Cr. McCutcheon seconded Cr. Green that Council approve the licensing of [redacted] head ditches and drains in accordance with Councils advice to him, on the basis that Council supply the RCBC required and it is installed by [redacted] and that the head ditch be installed in accordance with the approval of 17 May, 1989 ie. maximum height not to exceed the height of Wintens Road.

CARRIED.

King & Co. - Osborne Application (6/8/2/) - Ltr 7

Recommendation

7. Moved Cr. Green seconded Cr. Nousala that Council confirm the Shire Clerks action in appointing a Consultant Town Planner to appear in Court on Councils behalf and that the Shire Clerk attend the hearing if possible.

CARRIED.
Therefore if the Council now wants to make alterations to the approved works, in an effort to provide drainage to a portion of road which in its natural state is quite impossible to drain, as it is flat, I understand that the cost of the materials will be borne by the Council.

I have previously told your overseer Mr. King on that in an effort to resolve one dispute I will do the necessary earthworks which involve shifting a considerable amount of earth and also a good deal of labour to install the box culvert or pipe, but that I would not bear the cost of the culvert or pipe.

Regarding section (x) in your letter in which you say that a tank is to be constructed to a level set by the Department of Primary Industries, I have to assure that in accordance with my plan for these works (as in) the tank drain will be taken from my field into the box culvert under the farm as originally proposed; but I will not be constraining any plans to DPI specifications.

Hence in accordance with normal irrigation practice a tank will be constructed along the boundary of the field to capture irrigation water in the field and drain any run off into the box culvert.

Yours truly
31 July, 1989

P.O. Box 8, 
WARRA Q. 4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank's License

With reference to previous discussions and correspondence regarding the above matter, I wish to advise, without prejudice, that Council are prepared to approve the licensing of your levee banks on the following conditions:

(i) The R.L. of the head ditch formation is to be approximately the same as the gravel surface of Wintens Road.

(ii) A 9m length of 1200 x 225 RCBC is to be placed across the roadway to levels set by Council at chainage 3650.

(iii) Provision for tail water from the southern side to cross the roadway through the RCBC at chainage 3650.

(iv) At chainage 3650 an ante syphon pipe is to be placed in the head ditch to allow storm and tail drain water to pass through the head ditch into the tail drain that runs in a northerly direction.

(v) The grass in the drains that service these tail water drains is to be kept mowed and free of any blockages at all times.

(vi) The tail drain that runs in a northerly direction at chainage 4100 is to be constructed in such a manner that water cannot flow from it onto the property owned by Homwoods.

(vii) All costs to be born by

[Name Redacted]
(x) The RL of the bank that is to be constructed to lead water from south side of road into pipes at the western boundary on chainage 4100, is to be set by the Department of Primary Industries.

Should you be in agreement with the above conditions please confirm your acceptance in writing at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

[signature]

(Shire Clerk)
6 July 1989.

Dear Sir,

Re. [Redacted] Warra.

Mr. [Redacted] (Shire Council) and I inspected the site of the proposed works by [Redacted] on the 2nd June, 1989.

Proposal:- to (I) take run-off water to floodway (A) via his tail drain (c) on the southern side of the road and then by a constructed drain parallel to the road on the northern side of the road reserve to point (B) where the water would be diverted into another tail drain (D) to the north.

(II) Water collected by the tail drain (E) after floodway (A) and that which did not cross the road at (A) would have to cross the road at point (F) and enter tail drain (G).

In principle, the proposal appears sound. Parties affected are the Shire Council and his own property.

Constraints:- (a) Levels taken by [Redacted] show 0.152m fall from fence line to fence line across the road at the floodway. This may be enough to drain surface water but I feel there is no margin for excavation of the tail drain on the southern side of the road. In other words, only water carried above the excavation will discharge over floodway (A). [Redacted] may comment more on this point. At point (F) the levelled surface is .120m lower than original thereby reducing the cross fall over the road.

(b) The fall along the drain to be constructed on the road reserve will be in the order of 0.107m for a distance of 350m (taken from [Redacted] survey). This is virtually flat. Water movement will be very slow and any growth of vegetation will impede water movement even more - hence it will be necessary to keep the drain bare or at least slashed.

(c) As it will be important to ensure all the run-off water reaching point (F) does cross the road and remains in tail drain G, banks will need to be built along [Redacted]

The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
CHINCHILLA, Q. 4413.
western boundary of both the southern portion and northern portion. The banks will have to be butted onto the road formation on the western side of the road cross-drainage structure. The bank on the southern portion will need to be extended far enough to contain the run-off water while it waits to cross the road. I would suggest 100mm higher than the road formation and built 100 mm higher (settled height) than the road formation.

The banks need to be broad to avoid cracking through in dry times and to reduce flood damage to them.

The eastern side of tail drain (G) will need to be left open (no bank) to allow temporary storage of flows too great for the channel itself.

Map and Estimates of run-off:— See enclosed map. Estimates are for 1:10 year frequency using a co-efficient of run-off of .6

Yours sincerely,

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICES BRANCH.
CHINCHILLA.

Enc.
## HYDRAULIC DESIGN AND RECORD CHART

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2. To take tail water from the southern irrigation feeder line to the north side of the dam, a 9-m length of 1200 x 225 RCBC is to be placed at the western approach to the floodway at CH 3300.

3. Provision for tail water from the southern side to cross the roadway both over the ditchmen scaled floodway 1 through the RCBCs at CH 3300.

4. Provision of an outlet drain with a solid floor of approximately 3 m wide to be constructed from CH 3300 to a tail drain that runs in a northerly direction at CH 3650.

5. At CH 3650 an inlet suction pipe is to be placed in the head ditch to allow storm and tail drain water to pass through the head ditch into the tail drain that runs in a northerly direction.

6. The gages in the drains that service this tail water diversion is to be kept open, free of any blockage, at all times.

7. The tail drain that runs in a northerly direction at CH 4100 is to be constructed in such a manner that water cannot flow from it onto the neighbouring property.

8. All costs to be borne by the yard.
TID at Broadway: 99.650

350 m 4.107 mm fall.

TID at dividing fence: 94.743
31 July, 1989

Commissioner,
Water Resources Commission,
G.P.O. Box 2454,
BRISBANE Q. 4001

Attention: [Redacted]

dear Sir,

Re: Appeal Sect 47(24) - [Redacted]

With reference to your letter of 31 May and recent discussions concerning the above, I wish to advise that Council has forwarded to [Redacted] a proposal for the licensing of his Levee Banks.

Should [Redacted] accept this proposal Council will issue a license for the banks and it is understood that the appeal will be withdrawn.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

(Shire Clerk)
GENERAL BUSINESS

Chinchilla High School Works

Cr. Thorpe outlined Councils on going responsibilities if the proposal as presented by the Department of Education is agreed to.

Recommendation

9. Resolved that an onsite inspection be made of the area concerned following the lunch adjournment of the General Meeting.

Independence of Local Authorities

Recommendation

10. Moved Cr. Green seconded Cr. McIntyre that the Council write to the Local Government Association and advocate that Council retain the control over the establishment of feedlots within this Shire in line with widely accepted guidelines and not be subject to heavy handed State Government laws which may be determined to the detriment of the economy of the Shire. CARRIED.

- Levee Banks (45/1)

Moved Cr. McCutcheon seconded Cr. Vellnagel that Council approve of conditions on Mr. J. Bryant's head ditches as outlined by the Overseer and in particular the following:-

1. The RCBC across Winters Road to be placed in line with tail drain "D".

2. The RL of the bank that is to be constructed at the western boundary to be set by the DPI.

Council will not be responsible for the purchase of the culverts as they are required solely as a result of work carried out by Mr. Bryant. CARRIED.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 1.55 p.m.

Presented to the General Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Chinchilla held on 20 July, 1989.

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CHAIRMAN                SHIRE CLERK
6 July 1989.

Dear Sir,

Re: [Redacted] Warra.

Mr. R. [Redacted] (Shire Council) and I inspected the site of the proposed works by Mr. J. [Redacted] on the 2nd June, 1989.

The proposal:- to (I) take run-off water to floodway (A) via his tail drain (c) on the southern side of the road and then by a constructed drain parallel to the road on the northern side of the road reserve to point (B) where the water would be diverted into another tail drain (D) to the north.

(II) Water collected by the tail drain (E) after floodway (A) and that which did not cross the road at (A) would have to cross the road at point (F) and enter tail drain (G).

In principle, the proposal appears sound. Parties affected are the Shire Council and his own property.

Constraints:- (a) Levels taken by [Redacted] show 0.152m fall from fence line to fence line across the road at the floodway. This may be enough to drain surface water but I feel there is no margin for excavation of the tail drain on the southern side of the road. In other words, only water carried above the excavation will discharge over floodway (A). [Redacted] may comment more on this point. At point (F) the levelled surface is .120m lower than original thereby reducing the cross fall over the road.

(b) The fall along the drain to be constructed on the road reserve will be in the order of 0.107m for a distance of 350m (taken from [Redacted] survey). This is virtually flat. Water movement will be very slow and any growth of vegetation will impede water movement even more - hence it will be necessary to keep the drain bare or at least slashed.

(c) As it will be important to ensure all the run-off water reaching point (F) does cross the road and remains in tail drain G, banks will need to be built along [Redacted].

The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
CHINCHILLA, Q. 4413. .../2
western boundary of both the southern portion and northern portion. The banks will have to be butted onto the road formation on the western side of the road cross-drainage structure. The bank on the southern portion will need to be extended far enough to contain the run-off water while it waits to cross the road. I would suggest 100mm higher than the road formation and built 100 mm higher (settled height) than the road formation.

The banks need to be broad to avoid cracking through in dry times and to reduce flood damage to them.

The eastern side of tail drain (G) will need to be left open (no bank) to allow temporary storage of flows too great for the channel itself.

Map and Estimates of run-off:— See enclosed map. Estimates are for 1:10 year frequency using a co-efficient of run-off of .6

Yours sincerely,

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICES BRANCH.
CHINCHILLA.

Enc.
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT OF MEETING

HELD ON 8 JUNE, 1989 COMMENCING AT 1.15 P.M.

PRESENT

Crs. K.G. Thorpe (Chairman), [Name redacted]

Officers in Attendance: [Name redacted] Shire Clerk, [Name redacted] (Overseer of Works) and [Name redacted] (Health Surveyor).

Apologies: Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wambo Shire Council (116/1) - Ltr. 1

Recommendation

1. Moved Cr. Green seconded Cr. Jeffery that Council advise the Wambo Shire that this Council supports the abandonment of the rabbit fence and would wish to join in a deputation to the Minister with them. Carried.

Water Resources Commission - Ski Boat Licence (12/1) - Ltr. 2

Received.

Minister for Transport & Communication - Chinchilla Post Office (102/3) - Ltr. 3

Received.

Carvosso & Winship - Bryant (45/1) - Ltr. 4

Recommendation

2. Moved Cr. Middleton seconded Cr. Green that Council write to Mr. [Name redacted] and outline the suggestions, previously advised by Council, that would allow him to have his head ditches etc licensed by Council. Carried.

Minister For Police - Car Park (126/3) - Ltr. 5

Recommendation

3. Moved Cr. McIntyre seconded Cr. Green that Council write to the relevant Department and apply for a 30 year lease of the car park area so that it can be upgraded. Carried.
31st May, 1969

The Shire Clerk
Chinchilla Shire Council
Heemey Street
CHINCILLA QLD 4413

Dear Sir,

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 47(24) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

I wish to acknowledge receipt of an appeal on behalf of [Name] of Warra against the decision of the Shire of Chinchilla to give approval subject to certain conditions, for the construction of levee banks on property described as subdivision 3 of Portion 337, Parish of Earle.

The appellant's Solicitors have requested a directions hearing so that a timetable can be set for the exchange of expert reports, for mutual discovery and for allocation of hearing dates. A mutually convenient time and place for a directions hearing is presently being determined and I will advise further on this matter.

To enable the appeal to proceed I would appreciate your providing me with the following information:-

(i) A copy of the application made to Council.
(ii) Details of any objection lodged against the application.
(iii) A copy of the Council's decision sent to the applicants in respect of the application.
(iv) Any technical and/or engineering reports relating to the application.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

for COMMISSIONER OF WATER RESOURCES
CARVOSSO & WINSHIP

The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
P.O. Box 42,
CHINGHILLA, 4413.

Dear Sir,

re: [Redacted] - Levee Bank Application Appendices 3 Portion Parish Earle

We enclose by way of service Notice of Appeal to the Commissioner of Water Resources pursuant to the provisions of Section 47 (24) of the Local Government Acts 1936-1988.

A copy of the Appeal Notice has also gone forward to the Commissioner of Water Resources today.

Yours faithfully,
CARVOSSO & WINSHIP

[Stamp] 17th May 1989
SIGNED

[Stamp] 18th May 1989
FILE NO. 45/1/47

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TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 47(24) of the Local Government Act 1936-1988, the abovenamed Appellant, [REDACTED] hereby appeals to the Commissioner of Water Resources against the decision of the Council of the Shire of Chinchilla made on the 21st April, 1989 approving the application by the Appellant for permission to continue to maintain levee banks on land described as Subdivision 3, Portion 337, Parish of Earle, subject to certain conditions.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that, in lieu of the said decision of the Council, the Appellant seeks unconditional permission to continue to maintain the said levee banks.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE the grounds of this appeal are as follows:

1. That having regard to the matters specified in Section 47(24)(h) of the Local Government Act 1936 - 1988 the decision of the Council is unreasonable and unjust.
2. That the original design of the levee banks took into account in 1976 flood levels which were greater than all recorded flood levels excepting for 1956.

3. That the Council's first reason for its said decision, as notified in its letter 45/1/468 dated 9th May, 1989, namely:

"The levee bank does not allow flood waters to follow the natural drainage pattern into Cooranga Creek"

is unreasonable and unjust because:

a) the levee banks required to be eliminated cause no significant impedance to the natural drainage pattern of flood waters beyond that caused by Wintons Road and Areas B and C on the property, "Beltana".

b) as inundation occurs across "Beltana" from west to east, Head Ditch No. 5 does not impede the natural drainage pattern of flood waters.

c) as the flatness of the general area and the cropping on areas "B" and "C" prevent any fast flow of flood waters no erosion or similar problems arise from any impedance to the natural drainage pattern caused by the levee banks in question.

d) no natural drainage pattern remains in the area due to earth works carried out on "Beltana" and "Two Mile".

4. That the Council's second reason for its said decision, as notified in its said letter, namely:
"As a consequence of (i) above, flood waters would be diverted onto neighbouring property and also cause damage to public property, namely a Council Road known as Wintons Road" is unreasonable and unjust because:

a) the levee banks in question do not and will not divert sufficient flood waters to cause damage to neighbouring property or to Wintons Road and in particular no evidence of such damage was revealed following the flood in April, 1988.

b) any diversion of flood waters by Head Ditch No. 5 beyond the diversion caused by Wintons Road is insignificant as:

i) Wintons Road and Head Ditch No. 5 are virtually the same height;

ii) Wintons Road is constructed of compacted gravel and will withstand and remain an impediment to flood waters whereas Head Ditch No. 5 is comprised of soft soil and will disintegrate if overtopped.

c) as the fall of the land on "Two Mile" is towards Wintons Road, and Head Ditch No. 5, being on the opposite side of Wintons Road to "Two Mile" cannot divert run-off waters from "Two Mile" in such a way as to cause damage to Wintons Road or to neighbouring property.

d) any diversion of flood waters caused by Head Ditches No. 5 and 7 beyond that caused by areas "B" and "C" on "Beltana" is insignificant.
5. That the Council's third reason for its said decision, notified in its said letter, namely:

"No provision has been made in the levee bank to drain water from existing inverts on Wintons Road, through the levee banks"

is unreasonable and unjust because:

a) the cost and expense to the Appellant of installing provision to drain water from existing inverts on Wintons Road through Head Ditch No. 5 into Tail Drain 4-1 on "Beltana" is insignificant compared with the cost of and the financial loss to the Appellant in complying with the said conditions.

b) the Appellant can and is willing to provide this drainage at no cost to the Council.

6. That the levee banks were constructed by the Appellant in good faith in accordance with and in reliance upon designs prepared by the Queensland Water Resources Commission and with the full knowledge and consent of the Council. The Appellant incurred considerable expense in the construction of the levee banks. It is unreasonable and unjust for the Council now to require alteration thereof, given the expense and/or financial loss which such alteration will cause the Appellant.

7. That no objections were received by the Council to the Appellant's application.
8. That compliance with the conditions imposed by the Council requires the installation of a lift pump at point S on "Beltana" to irrigate block 5 in Area C which is impracticable due to the practical impossibility of balancing this pump and the rest of the pumps in the irrigation system.

9. That as Head Ditch No. 4 from its north-eastern corner to point X is not constructed, compliance with the said conditions will require the Appellant to incur the expense of constructing that section of Head Ditch No. 4.

10. That as the Area "C" irrigated by Head Ditches numbers 7 and 5 is leased by the Appellant to a tenant for three years from the 1st July, 1988 with an option of a further three years, compliance with the conditions imposed by the Council may require the Appellant to breach the conditions of this lease and may render the Appellant liable in damages for such breach. Loss of the rental for Area "C" will cause severe financial hardship to the Appellant.

11. That the said conditions require the extension of Head Ditch No. 4 from point X to point Y and from point Y to point R on "Beltana" which will impede the flow of flood waters in the same way as Head Ditches No. 5 and 7 are alleged to do.

DATED this 17th day of May, 1989.

[Signatures]

Solicitors for the Appellant
PRESENT

Crs. I.H. Middleton (Chairman),  

Officers in Attendance: Administrative Officer) and (Overseer of Works). of the Department of Primary Industries also attended.

Apologies - Nil.
Business Arising - Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE

(45/1) - Ltr. 1

Discussion followed on letters received from and his Solicitors, Carvosso & Winship, regarding advice of an appeal being lodged by against Council's conditions of licensing approval.

The Overseer advised that had phoned him on the morning of the 11th May, 1989 requesting a without prejudice conference with the Chairman and Overseer.

Recommendation

1. Moved Cr. McCutcheon seconded Cr. Green that request be acceded to, with Council inviting to be present also.

CARRIED.

Department of Primary Industries - Langlands Drainage Scheme (45/1) - Ltr. 2

Discussion followed on the subsidies available for the proposed scheme.

Recommendation

2. Moved Cr. Vellnagel seconded Cr. McCutcheon that Council write to all landowners within the proposed scheme area inviting them to attend a meeting at the Langlands Hall on June 7th, 1989 commencing at 7.30 p.m., to discuss the scheme. Also advising them what is proposed, and stress that total agreement for the scheme is required to enable all available subsidies to be obtained by Council. Also that a copy of the correspondence from the Department of Primary Industries be sent with each letter to enable
9 May, 1989

Carvosso & Winship,
Solicitors,
P.O. Box 527,
DALBY. Q. 4405

Dear Sir,

Re: [REDACTED] - Levee Bank Application
Sub 3 Portion [REDACTED] Parish of Earle

With reference to your letter of 3 May concerning the above, I wish to advise that the reasons for granting the application, subject to the conditions as outlined in my letter to [REDACTED] of 21 April, 1989 are as follows:

i) The levee bank does not allow flood waters to follow the natural drainage pattern into Cooranga Creek.

ii) As a consequence of (i) above, flood waters would be diverted onto neighbouring property and also cause damage to public property, namely a Council Road known as Wintons Road.

iii) No provision has been made in the levee bank to drain water from existing inverts on Wintons Road, through the levee banks.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED] (Shire Clerk)
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The Shire Clerk,  
Chinchilla Shire Council,  
CHINCHILLA 4413.

Dear Sir,

re: Application by [REDACTED] for permission to maintain Levee Banks on subdivision S, Portion 337, Parish of Earle.

We act on behalf of [REDACTED] in this matter.

By your letter of the 21st of April, 1989 (Ref: 45/1/460) you have purported to notify [REDACTED] of your decision in this matter pursuant to Section 47 (24) (i) of the Local Government Act.

We contend this notification is of no effect by reason of the Council's failure to comply with its statutory duty under Section 47 (24) (i) to provide written reasons for the decision. For this reason we contend the time limited for appeal by Section 47 (24) (i) has not commenced to run.

Our client is travelling to Brisbane on the 9th of May, 1989 for the purpose of conferring with Counsel at 11.00am so that a Notice of Appeal may be prepared. This task can not be properly performed unless the reasons for the Council's decision are known.

We call upon you to fax to this office by no later than 10.00am on the 9th of May, 1989 the reasons for your Council's decision in this matter.

We wish to conduct this matter on an amicable basis and with full co-operation by all parties. However, we can not allow our client to be prejudiced by the Council's breach of its statutory duty.

Accordingly, in fairness to the Council, we advise that any legal costs thrown away by reason of our Counsel being unable properly to confer with [REDACTED] and/or to settle the Notice of Appeal, because the reasons for the decision are unknown, may be sought against the Council, as damages for breach of statutory duty.

We trust, of course, this action will not be necessary.
The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
CHINCHILLA, 4413.

8th May, 1989

Presumably the Council has known its reasons since the 21st of April 1989 so it will not be onerous for it to advise us of those reasons by tomorrow morning.
The Clerk,
Churchilla Shire Council
P.O. Box 42
Churchilla
Q. 4411

Dear Sir,

I refer to your reference 44/1/460

I wish to advise that I reject your council conditions applied to the licence for these works and intend to appeal against your decision.

In due course you will hear from my solicitors Messrs Caravaggio & Winship as I intend to seek damages from your Council and the Water Resources Commission.

Yours truly,

Leva Bank Office
21 April, 1989

"Rostherne",
WARRA. Q. 4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Head Ditch/Supply Channel

With reference to your application to license head ditches/supply channels on Sub 3 Portion 337, Parish of Earle, I wish to advise that the application has been approved, subject to the following conditions:-

i) Implementation of Alternative 2 as advised by the Water Resources Commission in their letter of 15 July, 1988 as follows:-

"Extend head ditch 4 from point X to point Y on head ditch 7. Eliminate head ditch 5 and head ditch 7 to the offtake of head ditch 6. Delete block 5 from area C. Head ditch 4 from the start to point X would need to be enlarged. An access crossing may be required in the new section of head ditch near point Y. The effect of this alternative would be the loss of approximately 23.5 hectares of irrigable land. The cost of this alternative would be approximately $4000 for approximately 3000m3 of earthworks to enlarge and extend head ditch 4 and construct a 10m wide access crossing.

Block 5 in area C could be irrigated via a below ground channel between points R and S with a relift pump lifting into a head ditch between points S and T."

ii) The eliminated head ditches to be backfilled.

Yours faithfully,

(Shire Clerk)
Dear Sir,

REVIEW OF "BELTANA" IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT

I have now had the opportunity to review the layout of your irrigation area on "Beltana". As I have discussed with you the Commission's original design, as shown on the attached master plan (DD1022A1) {does not take into account the need for floodwaters to follow their natural flowpath across the irrigation area and into Cooranga Creek}.

Our estimates indicate that during major flooding in the Condamine River flows of 150 - 200 m³/sec or more flow across Winten's Road and across "Beltana". To avoid disrupting the natural pattern of overland flooding in the area we recommend that you amend the layout of your irrigation area to accommodate these flood flows.

There are a number of alternative layouts which would eliminate any potential disruption to flooding. Three alternative layouts are briefly outlined below.

Alternative 1

Eliminate Head Ditch Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 and delete Area C from the irrigation area.

The effect of this alternative would be the loss of some 45.1 hectares of irrigable land. There would, however, be no additional costs involved in this alternative.

Alternative 2

Extend Head Ditch 4 from point X to point Y on Head Ditch 7. Eliminate Head Ditch 5 and Head Ditch 7 to the offtake of Head Ditch 6. Delete Block 5 from Area C. Head Ditch 4 from the start to point X would need to be enlarged. An access crossing may be required in the new section of head ditch near point Y.

The effect of this alternative would be the loss of approximately 23.5 hectares of irrigable land. The cost of this alternative would be approximately $4 000 for approximately 3 000 m³ of earthworks to enlarge and extend Head Ditch 4 and construct a 10 m wide access crossing.
Block 5 in Area C could be irrigated via a below ground channel between points R and S with a relift pump lifting into a head ditch between points S and T.

Alternative 3

Replace Head Ditch 5 between points Q and S and Head Ditch 7 between points S and R with a "below ground channel". Use a relift pump to pump into raised head ditches to irrigate Blocks 5, 6, 7 and 8.

This alternative would involve one portable relift pump and the construction of some 1 800 m of below ground channel. The construction of the channel would involve approximately 5 000 m³ of earthworks. No estimate of cost has been made for this alternative as it is understood that you already have a relift pump on the property and the "below ground channel" would not result in significant earthworks in addition to what would be required if the existing head ditches were rebuilt.

A further alternative was considered involving the installation of inverted siphons in the existing Head Ditch 5. It was estimated that several inverted siphons of at least 450 mm diameter would be required in Head Ditch 5. The total length of the siphons would need to be 400 m or more. Additional amendments would be required to remove the obstruction caused by Head Ditch 7. As the siphons in Head Ditch 5 were estimated to cost in excess of $35 000 this alternative was not considered further.

You will note that in the alternatives presented we have not recommended any amendments to Head Ditch 1. It is quite possible that because you own both sides of the road in that area and because any water diverted would only affect your own property, no alterations in this area would be necessary.

I would be pleased if you would consider the information presented above. If you wish to have a detailed design prepared on the basis of any one of the above alternatives we will undertake that design and amend your final plans at no cost to you. Before preparing a design for amended works we would contact the Chinchilla Shire Council to determine whether or not the proposed design amendments were acceptable to them.

Yours faithfully,
LEVEE BANKS COMMITTEE REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON
13 APRIL, 1989 COMMENCING AT 1.45 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Crs. I.H. Middleton (Chairman),

Officers in Attendance: [Name] (Shire Clerk), [Name] (Overseer of Works) and [Name] (Department of Primary Industries).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. From [Name] (45/1) - Ltr. 1

Replying to Council's correspondence regarding an unlicensed bank/drain on the south east corner of "Maybrook". [Name] advises that the works carried out were of a minor nature to stop serious erosion to the road as designated through the property. The works were financed privately at no expense to Council to save a Council road.

It is not a contour bank that benefits his country and would be happy to meet with Divisional Councillors to discuss the matter further or alternatively flatten the banks, however, this would result in continued erosion of Council property.

Recommendation

Moved Cr. Vellnagel seconded Cr. Green that Council and advise him that the banks in question should be removed immediately. However, if Mr. retain the banks then he should request the Depa Industries to design a scheme for the area or alter license the banks under Section 47 of the Local Gov

2. LICENSE APPLICATION - J. BRYANT - SUB 3 PORTION 337 (45/1)

Recommendation

Moved Cr. Vellnagel seconded Mr. McLatchey that the license by [Name] for head ditches and supply Portion [Name] Parish of Earle, be approved on conditions:

i) [Name] implement Alternative 2 as advis Resources Commission in their letter of 15 follows:-
"Extend head ditch 4 from point X to point Y on head ditch 7. Eliminate head ditch 5 and head ditch 7 to the offtake of head ditch 6. Delete Block 5 from area C. Head ditch 4 from the start to point X would need to be enlarged. An access crossing may be required in the new section of head ditch near point Y.

The effect of this alternative would be the loss of approximately 23.5 hectares of irrigable land. The cost of this alternative would be approximately $4000 for approximately 3000m³ of earthworks to enlarge and extend head ditch 4 and construct a 10m wide access crossing.

Block 5 in area C would be irrigated via a below ground channel between points R and S with a relift pump lifting into a head ditch between points S and T."

ii) The eliminated head ditches to be back filled.

3. LAND LEVELLING - (45/1)

Recommendation

Moved Cr. Green seconded Cr. Vellnagel that Council seek a legal opinion as to the extent of the definition of levee banks and whether or not it would cover the aftermath of land levelling where such levelling results in adjoining land not being "level".

CARRIED.

4. LICENSE APPLICATION - PORTION PARISH EARLE (45/1)

Recommendation

Moved Cr. Green seconded Cr. Vellnagel that the application for license by Parish of Earle, be approved.

CARRIED.

5. B. HAYWARD - LAND LEVELLING, PORTION 337, PARISH EARLE

Recommendation

Moved Cr. Vellnagel seconded Cr. Green that Council write to Mr. and seek his intent as to the current land levelling on Parish Earle, and advise that should flood irrigation involving head ditches and tail drains be envisaged they will be required to be licensed under Section 47 of the Local Government Act and application should be made prior to construction of any ditches and drains.

CARRIED.
30 March, 1989

Mr. [Name Redacted]
"Postheine",
WARRA. Q. 4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Head Ditches/Channels

With reference to your letter of 24 March concerning the above, I wish to advise that Council will be considering the application at a Committee Meeting on 13 April.

No objections were received to the works following closure of the objection period.

I will further contact you in this regard following a decision by Council.

Yours faithfully,

[Shire Clerk]
The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council
P.O. Box 442
Chinchilla, Fax 4413

Dear Sirs,

With reference to my application in January this year for a permit for my existing irrigation head ditches - supply channels, I would like you to advise me when your Council is likely to make a decision on this matter, and if you have received any objections to these works when you advertised them in the local press.

Yours truly,
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned application for a Licence under the provision of subsection (24) of section 47 of the Local Government Act 1936-1988 has been made to the Chinchilla Shire Council.

Applicant: [Redacted] "Rothorpe", Kogan Road, Warra.
The owner of: Sub 3 Portion 79, Parish of Earie, County of Lytton.
Proposed work: Irrigation head ditch/supply channel.

A person being the owner or occupier of land likely to be affected by the Licensing of the work may, in writing signed by him, and addressed to the Shire Clerk, Chinchilla Shire Council, object to such Licence being granted and submit in writing to the Shire Clerk the grounds of such objection.

The application and plan are open to inspection at the Council's Office.

The 27th February, 1989 has been appointed as the last day for the receipt of objections.

[Redacted]

(Shire Clerk)

Civic Centre,
80-86 Heeney St.,
Chinchilla. 4413

Chinchilla News - 26 January, 1989
The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
P.O. Box 42
Chinchilla 4413

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 5th January, I am returning the completed application for a permit for my existing irrigation head ditches - supply channels. You will notice that I have amended and initialled the application to make it clear that the works have already been constructed for some time.

I have also enclosed my cheque for $84 and a cross section drawing of the main ditch along Untens Road.

I have previously supplied your Council with a master plan of the area, and this is much more accurate and informative than a plan that I could produce on the permit application form.

Yours truly,

[Redacted]

Re: 0718 17/1/89
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL


This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

I, ____________________________________________, of ROSTHERNE, Kogan Rd, WARRA

in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant: _____________________________

(2) Postal Address: _____________________________________________

(3) Location of work (see also 10) County: LYTON Parish: EARLE

Real Property Description: _____________________________________________

Area: _______________ hectares

(4) Nature of Works: Irrigation lead ditch/supply channel

(5) Purpose of Work: To convey water to irrigation areas

(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank) -

(a) Total length of levee bank ____________________ metres.

(b) Maximum height ____________________ metres.

(c) Width of top ____________________ metres.

(d) Width of base ____________________ metres.

(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed: _____________________________________________

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much? ____________________

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level: ____________________

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation) -

(a) Total length 7380 metres. (Total for plan) DD1022R1

(b) Maximum depth 1.5 metres.

(c) Width of top ____________________ metres. (as per detailed drawing DD1039R)

(d) Width at base ____________________ metres.

(e) State nature of soil at site: Black clay soil
These works were designed by Old Watercourses Committee.

(8) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work: The works have been constructed for some years and have been subjected to severe flooding and have not caused any injury to other land. Please refer to independent engineers correspondence on this matter.

(9) Period for which permit is required: 10 years

(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10 000 showing position of streams (if any) direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.

(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the sum of $84.00 being the required application fee.

Date: ___________________________ Signature of Applicant: _______________________

(10) Master plan DD10222A1 supplied to Council separately

(11) Detailed drawing DD1039K2 enclosed herewith.

(1) If the applicant is purchasing the subject land, but the transfer documents have not yet been lodged for registration, he should ask the solicitor handling the sale to contact the Council and advise of the present position of the transaction.

(2) In terms of the Local Government Act 1936 - 1988, applications for permits are required to be advertised in accordance with the Council's By-laws and even if no objections are received or any objections are received and dismissed there is no guarantee that the permit applied for will be granted.

(3) The applicant is warned against taking any action to construct any work until a permit from the Council has been received.

(4) All questions in relation to this application must be answered fully as failure to do so will lead to correspondence with consequent delay in dealing with the application.

Date: ____________________

Signature of Applicant: ____________________

"Rostherne",
P.O. Box 3,
Narré, 4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Irrigation Head Ditches/Banks

With reference to previous correspondence on the above matter and in particular your letter of 6 December, 1988, I enclose herewith an application for a Permit in accordance with Council By-law No. 42 (copy attached) and Section 47(24) of the Local Government Act.

You are requested to complete the application form and return it to this office, together with payment of the application fee of $84.00.

The application will then be advertised and following a period for objections, it will then be considered by Council.

Yours faithfully,

(Shire Clerk)
The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council
P.O. Box 12
Chinchilla
4413

Dear Sir,

I have enclosed herewith a copy of the
Master Plan of the irrigation area on my property
"Belinda". These are the head ditches which are in
dispute. The head ditches on the other side of
Winters Road you have licensed until the 2/1998
please refer to your council's permit No. 7.

You will notice that I have drawn in here
the alterations which have been made to this original
design, please refer to your letter re: 45/1/264 and
my letter of 9/5/1984

With regard to an application for licensing of
these works, I have to advise you that I have not
changed my position, as detailed in the last page
of my letter to the District Engineer D.W.R.C on the 20
of which you have a photocopy.

Moreover, if for technical reasons you must have
a "formal" application you may regard this letter an
plan, as such an application.

I would also like to remind your council that this
is the second such plan I have sent them and this is
the only copy I have left.

I would also like now to refer you to my letter of
6/8/88 and your reply re: 6/9/1/351 about the prop
the culvert drain under writers road) I have spoken on the telephone to your overseer Mr. Roy Livingston and he suggested that the culvert should be 9.7 m wide instead of the proposed 8 m. I have told him that I would agree to this.

May I now have your Council's written permission to proceed with this as it is now almost four months since I approached Council about this matter, and we will be starting work deepening this area for irrigation work.

Yours truly

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25 November, 1988

"Rostherne",
P.O. Box 8,
WARRA, Q. 4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Irrigation Head Ditches/Banks

With reference to previous correspondence on the above matter, I am directed by Council to request that you submit plans of your irrigation head ditches/banks and make application for licensing of the head ditches/banks.

Your co-operation in the early attendance to this matter would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(Shire Clerk)
20th October, 1988

Dear Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council and in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government Act 1936-1987, has today approved an Order in Council applying the provisions of section 47(24) of the said Act to the whole of the Shire of Chinchilla for a period of five years on and from the twenty-second day of October, 1988.

A copy of the Order in Council, which will be published in the Government Gazette on the 22nd October, 1988, is enclosed for your information.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

[Name]
Director of Local Government.

The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
P.O. Box 42,
CHINCHILLA. QLD. 4413
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Executive Building, Brisbane, the twentieth day of October, 1968

Present:

His Excellency the Governor in Council

HIS Excellency the Governor, acting by and with the advice of the Executive Council and in pursuance of the provisions of section 47(24) of the Local Government Act 1936-1947, hereby applies the said section to the whole of the Area of the Shire of Chinchilla for a period of five years on and from the twenty-second day of October, 1968.

And the Honourable the Minister for Local Government and Racing is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

[Signature]

Clerk of the Council
6 October, 1988

The Director,
Department of Local Government,
P.O. Box 31,
BRISBANE, NORTH QUAY. Q. 4002

Dear Sir,

I refer to previous correspondence regarding the application of licensing powers under Section 47(24) of the Local Government Act.

I attach hereto a copy of a Council resolution which was passed at Council’s general meeting of the 22nd September, 1982.

Council considers that the cost of a scheme of agricultural drainage would probably be beyond the economic ability of the owners of the land which would be served thereby.

I therefore submit this recommendation to you for approval of the Governor in Council, that the whole of the Shire of Chinchilla be granted application of the provisions of Section 47(24) of the Local Government Act 1935-1987.

Yours faithfully,

(Shine Clerk)

Enc.
15th September, 1988

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 2nd August 1988 concerning the Council's position in respect of certain head ditches/banks constructed as part of an irrigation scheme designed by the Queensland Water Resources Commission, I wish to inform you that the views of the Commission are now to hand.

Regarding the status of the head ditches/banks referred to, the Commission has advised that The Farm Water Supplies Assistance Act enables the Commissioner to act in a consultative role in the design of works on farm lands. The role of consultant can extend to supervision of construction if required by the client.

I am advised that construction of such works as part of a private irrigation scheme based on a surface water supply, would not require a waterworks licence under the provisions of the Water Act, unless the works were directly associated with a water course. Examples of works requiring such a licence are diversion channels, pumping installations and levee banks affecting flow into or out of a watercourse.

In this light it would seem that the provisions of Section 47 (24) of the Local Government Act could be applied to the particular head ditches/banks provided the relevant land is not subject to a Project Plan within the context of the Soil Conservation Act. Enquiries are being made of the Department of Primary Industries in this regard.

To enable consideration to be given to the application of the provisions of Section 47(24) to the whole of the Shire of Chinchilla, it will be necessary for the Council to satisfy the Governor in Council that the cost of a scheme of agricultural drainage would probably be beyond the economic ability of the owners of the lands which would be served thereby.

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The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
P.O. Box 42,
CHINCHILLA, QLD. 4413
In terms of Section 47(24)(c) of the Act the Council will need to satisfy the Governor in Council that -

(a) Levee banks would be likely to affect natural drainage to such extent as to cause damage to land or to any public work, service, or undertaking;

(b) In general, having regard to land topography and in the absence of a scheme of agricultural drainage, the natural flow of water should not be in any way affected by levee banks; and

(c) Save as required, permitted or authorised under or pursuant to some other Act or permitted in writing by the Local Authority, levee banks should be prohibited.

It is considered that a resolution of the Council would be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of Section 47(24) of the Act that the Council had formed an opinion in this regard.

In relation to the Council's proposal that the provisions of Section 47(24) be granted in perpetuity, as mentioned in your letter of 19th August, 1988, paragraph (d) also provides that such provisions may be applied for a fixed period of time which may be further extended from time to time by the Governor in Council.

The Department's policy in this regard is generally to apply these provisions for a five (5) year term only. However, the Department would be prepared to consider a ten (10) year term provided the Council can show that special circumstances exist which would warrant a greater term in this instance.

If considered necessary the Council should seek further extensions of the fixed term at the appropriate time. Any such application should be so made as to enable the relevant Order in Council to be issued prior to the expiry of the current term as stated in the Order in Council in force at the material time.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Director of Local Government
19 August, 1988

Dear Sir,

I refer to previous correspondence relative to the head ditches/banks on J. Bryant's property "Belltane" and advise that after investigation of the matter it has been recommended to consider replacing a section of such head ditches/banks with a below ground channel, as recommended by the Queensland Water Resources Commission, so that the passage of floodwater is not impeded, rather than reconstruct the head ditches/banks to the original design.

In addition, it has been advised that Council has power to require the retrospective licensing of the works under Section 47(24) of the Local Government Act if Council is of the opinion that the works effect the natural drainage so as to cause or be likely to cause damage to any land or any public work.

The situation will be monitored and appropriate action taken if necessary.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature] (Shire Clerk)
19 August, 1988

"Rosterna",
WARRA. Q. 4411

Dear

I refer to the irrigation head ditches/banks on your property "Belltana" which were breached during the last flooding in the Condamine River and advise that whilst Council would not prevent you from reconstructing these in accordance with the original design of the Queensland Water Resources Commission, it recommends that you give consideration to replacing a section of same with a below ground channel as recommended by the Queensland Water Resources Commission, so that flood waters are not impeded.

As you know, Council has received a complaint about possible damage to adjoining land if the head ditches/banks on "Belltana" were not breached in the last flood, and in the course of investigating the complaint, discussed the matter with officers of the Commission. It seems that the use of subsurface channels as recommended by the Commission would eliminate any potential disruption to flooding and damage to adjoining land.

As you know, the works are presently not licensed by the Council under Section 47(24) of the Local Government Act, however it has power to require you to license same retrospectively if it is of the opinion that they affect the natural drainage so as
to cause or be likely to cause damage to any land or any public work.

Your consideration of the above and advice in due course will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(Shire Clerk)
The Hon. B.G. Littleproud, M.L.A.,
Minister for Education, Youth and Sport
and Member for Condamine,
BRISBANE

Dear Mr. Littleproud,

I refer to your letter of 10th June, 1988 and the enclosed letter to the Water Resources Commission from [redacted] and also to your letter of 28th June, 1988 with the accompanying letter which you received from [redacted].

The Commissioner of Water Resources has advised me that officers from his Toowoomba District Office inspected the head ditch, at [redacted] request, in mid-May. Following that inspection the Commission has undertaken an investigation to determine ways in which [redacted] may protect his irrigation area from inundation without interfering unduly with the natural pattern of flooding. The Commission’s only involvement in this matter has been as a consultant to [redacted].

I am advised that although the original design for these works was prepared by the Commission [redacted] was subsequently advised against proceeding with this type of construction following evidence obtained during flooding in May 1983. This advice was repeated in 1986. However, [redacted] constructed the head ditch to the original design and, as you are aware, it was severely damaged during the recent flooding.

The Chinchilla Shire Council is the authority which has control over the construction of works such as levee banks on the floodplain. Under the provisions of the Local Government Act, Council is empowered to issue permits for works which influence overland flow on the floodplain. In that regard, the Commission has no jurisdiction with respect to [redacted] levee bank.

I also understand that [redacted] is currently considering a redesign of the works. The Commission will provide any advice on this redesign requested by [redacted].
With regard to [REDACTED] other concern, the Commissioner has advised that weir licences are usually endorsed with a condition requiring the licensee to allow water to pass downstream of the weir. The rate of outflow should be equal to the unrestricted capacity of the outlet pipe, or siphon pipe, or at a rate equal to the inflow into the weir storage, whichever is the lesser, whenever there is no flow over the weir. Any weir licence issued on Cooranga Creek will be issued with this condition.

I trust that the above information satisfactorily answers the concerns raised by [REDACTED] and the additional matters raised in Mr Bryant's subsequent letter.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

DON NEAL
Minister for Water Resources and Maritime Services
2nd August, 1988

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 22 July, 1988 seeking the Department's advice as to the Council's position in respect of certain head ditches/banks constructed as part of an irrigation scheme designed by the Queensland Water Resources Commission.

It is advised that an Order in Council was published in the Government Gazette of 13th June, 1981 applying the provisions of Section 47(24) of the Local Government Act to the whole of the Shire of Chinchilla for a period of five years from that date. The Order in Council further provided that such provisions shall cease to have force and effect within the boundaries of a Project Plan made pursuant to the Soil Conservation Act on and from the date of effect of the approval of any such Project Plan.

The five year period referred to above has expired and it appears that no action has been taken to continue in force the provisions of Section 47 (24) of the Act. However, it may be that a Project Plan, within the meaning of that term in the Soil Conservation Act, has since been approved for the particular area to which your correspondence refers. Should this be the case it would seem that the provisions of the Soil Conservation Act would take precedence and, accordingly, the provisions of Section 47(24), if they were to be again applied to the Shire, would not have any force or effect in relation to the head ditches/banks to which you refer.

The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
P.O. Box 42,
CHINCHILLA Q. 4413
In the circumstances it is suggested that, in the first instance, the Council might care to contact the Department of Primary Industries, as the Department responsible for the administration of the Soil Conservation Act, with a view to ascertaining whether that Act has relevance in the particular matter of concern to the Council. Should this not be the case the Department would be prepared to entertain a submission from the Council for the application again of the provisions of Section 47 (24) of the Local Government Act to the Shire of Chinchilla. In this event it is considered that the Council would be empowered to invoke the provisions of paragraph (n) of the subsection in the manner outlined in your letter.

In the meantime the Department is contacting the Queensland Water Resources Commission to ascertain the status of the works said to have been designed by the Commission. You will be further contacted when the Commission's views in this regard are to hand.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Director of Local Government
22 July, 1982

The Director,
Department of Local Government,
P.O. Box 21,
BRISBANE, NORTH QLD. 4000

Dear Sir,

Council has received representations from a landowner that head ditches/banks on a neighbouring property could be the cause of damage to his property in the event of flooding in the Condamine River. In the recent floods the head ditches/banks were breached by floodwaters and fortunately no damage occurred to the first landowner's property.

The head ditches/banks were constructed on the neighbours property as part of an irrigation system before Council had licensing powers under Section 47 (2A) of the Local Government Act. The scheme was designed by the Queensland Water Resources Commission and constructed according to the design. The Commission has indicated by letter that it has no legislative requirements in respect of the head ditches/banks.

If Council is of the opinion that these head ditches/banks are likely to affect natural drainage to such an extent as to cause damage to the first landowners property or a Council road, would Section 47 (2A)(n) of the Local Government Act give Council the power to require the owner of the land on which the irrigation scheme is constructed to apply for a licence and in considering such application to impose such conditions as will eliminate the

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possibility of damage to the first landowners property and Council's road.

Your consideration of the above and advice at an early date will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

[Name]
(Shire Clerk)
The Shire Clerk
Chinchilla Shire Council
Civic Centre
80-86 Henry St
Chinchilla
4413

22nd July 1988

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter from the Qld Water Resources Commission to me covering some alternative designs for my irrigation area and also a plan relating to the design.

I have also included a copy of my reply to the Commission for your information. Would you please copy the plan and return the original to me.

Yours truly,

[Receipient's Name]

[Position]
I refer to paragraph three of your letter of 24/6/58 in which you state that evidence obtained for the 1953 flooding in this area indicated that the design of the supply channel to part of the irrigation area at Belmont should be altered. I refute the suggestion that the 1953 flood provided any new information about flood heights in this area. In fact the height of the 1976 flood was very clearly and permanently marked by me on fence posts in the area to be irrigated, and this was known to the survey party.

Your suggestion that part of the supply channel be a "below ground" channel, was not in 1953, and is not considered acceptable to me for the following reasons.

1. Where I accepted your plans for the irrigation area in 1959, this was not included in the design and therefore the capital cost and operational cost of lift pumps was not considered in the evaluation of the scheme.

2. The operational difficulties of matching the flow from the ring tank outlet to two or more transfer or lift pumps in the channel systems are too great to be considered.
By I have already accepted the alteration to the original design (i.e., the underground concrete mound from the sump tanks to Bittana), at considerable cost and inconvenience to myself, and I will not be pressured into any more alterations.

My neighbour, who is objecting to these head ditches, Mr. Homewood, states that he is concerned about what would happen to his land in a flood of a lower level than the April flood this year, i.e., (flood which did not breach the head ditches)

May I point out to you that we have inspected Mr. Homewood's property adjacent to Bittana and it does not appear to have been at all affected by this recent flood.

If it was not affected by this flood which, after covering his land and mine, took approximately 18–20 hours to ebb to a level which topped the head ditches, (and thus bypassed them) how would it be affected by a lower flood which may not be of any longer duration?

I intend to have an independent civil engineer examine Bittana and Mr. Homewood's property so that I will be able to call an expert witness to verify this if I should find it necessary to institute legal proceedings to resolve this matter.

Yours truly,
Dear Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16th June, 1988, and the attached correspondence.

Following my visit to your property on 12th May, 1988, and the subsequent investigation and survey by the Commission, we are now reviewing ways in which you may be able to amend your existing irrigation layout, with particular respect to the supply channel on "Beltana" adjacent to the road, so as to provide protection for your irrigation area from flooding without causing undue interference to the natural pattern of flooding.

You will recall that following the flooding in your area in 1983, advised you that evidence obtained during that flood indicated, that the construction of a channel on "Beltana" along the road would cause floodwaters to be diverted. He advised you that the design should be altered and that at least part of the supply channel should be constructed as a "below ground" channel to allow floodwaters to pass over it. You did not agree with Mr Robson's assessment of the situation and you chose to construct the supply channel as originally designed.

Experience during the recent flooding has confirmed that the supply channel is constructed directly across quite a significant flood channel. As I said when I visited your property recently I consider that there is a need for your works on "Beltana" to accommodate the floodwaters which naturally flow across the road into "Beltana".

You have suggested a solution that a levee bank along the line of your existing head ditch could be extended into your neighbour's property to direct floodwaters along the road and into a waterway leading to Cooranga Creek. I do not see that this would be a technically suitable solution even if all the other landowners were in agreement with such a proposal.

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As soon as we complete the review of the available data we will forward to you our proposal for alterations to your existing layout. If that proposal meets with your approval I would recommend that we then forward it to the Chinchilla Shire Council for their comment. You are aware that the Chinchilla Shire Council have the legislative control of levee banks on the flood plain under Section 47(24) of the Local Government Act.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or queries with regard to this matter would you please contact me.

Yours faithfully,

DISTRICT ENGINEER.
The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
P.O. Box 42,
CHINCHILLA. Qld 4413

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 21st June, 1988 (your reference 45/1/399) concerning [redacted] letter referring to the head ditches/levee banks on [redacted] property "Belltana".

I would advise that this Commission has no legislative requirements in respect of the banks in question. It is my understanding that approval may be required from your Council prior to construction or reconstruction of any such banks, under Section 47 (24) of the Local Government Act.

This Commission has been involved in the design of [redacted] irrigation project. At [redacted] request we are currently examining whether or not it would be possible to alter the layout of the irrigation area, so that substantial levee banks could be constructed to protect the irrigation area without causing undue interference of the flood flows. We have made [redacted] aware that any such amendments may require the approval of your Council.

In addition, I propose to meet with [redacted] on Tuesday, 28th June, 1988 to discuss his concerns in greater detail.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

DISTRICT ENGINEER:
21 June, 1988

The Officer in Charge,
Soil Conservation Services Branch,
Department of Primary Industries,
P.O. Box 587,
DALBY. 4405

Dear Sir,

I wish to advise that the Soil Conservation works carried out on Lot 13 R.P. 206343 Parish of Earle (Chinchilla Shire) and Portion 7V Parish of Thorn (Wambo Shire) by [redacted] were recently inspected by Chinchilla Shire Council representatives and the Chinchilla Soil Conservation Services Officers.

It appears that these works have not been constructed according to plan as the runoff is discharging directly into the table drain of the road on the western side of the property rather than being contained within a waterway and directed to Cooranga Creek as per per the plan.

It is requested that the works be inspected by your staff to determine whether or not they have been constructed according to plan.

If they have not, would you please advise what action can be taken to rectify the matter as Council is not satisfied with the existing situation.

Your attention to the above at an early date will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

(Shire Clerk).
1 June, 1988

(The District Engineer,
Queensland Water Resources Commission,
[Address], Town Hall,
[Address] Q. 4020)

Dear sir,

I enclose herewith a copy of correspondence from...
expressing concern that head ditches/banks constructed on his...
nearby land (Resub 3 of Portion 387, Parish of Earl's) could...
cause damage to his land in flood situations.

The letter indicates that the head ditches/banks were...
broken by floodwaters in the April floods and your advice is...
requested as to whether the Commission has any requirements in...
respect of these banks before they are reconstructed.

Any early reply in the above would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

[Name]

Inc.
Dear Sir,

I acknowledge your letter dated 13 June, 1988 concerning the effect of hedge fences/mark constructed on a neighbouring property.

I advise that the matter is presently being investigated and a reply will be forwarded to you when Council has made a decision.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

[Name]

The Chairman
Chinchilla Shire Council
CHINCILLA  Q 4411

Dear Sir

I wish to bring to your attention the following matter.

HEAD DITCHES OR BANKS -

erected by [REDACTED] on his property "Belltana" adjoining road.

I understand that permission to construct these earthworks was granted by your Council some time ago.

I do feel that had the full affect of these earthworks been appreciated at the time permission was granted, another alternative would have been arrived at.

After the Easter floods, these ditches cum Banks, were extensively breached by the flood waters, had this not been the case we are of the opinion that this flood water would have been channeled with increasing velocity into our land adjoining "Belltana" with major damage to our land resulting.

I have informed [REDACTED] of our concern, and spoken to our member of Parliament Mr Brian Littleproud, and also have written to Water Resources and Soil Conservation Departments.

I would point out that prior to these floods we were concerned about the damage that could take place.

We would like a personal inspection so that you can appreciate the problem brought about by the erection of these "Banks" ditches with your permission (Council).

Yours faithfully
15th October, 1992

Chinchilla Shire Council,
Heeney Street,
CHINCHILLA  4413

ATTENTION: [Redacted]

Dear Sir,

Reference is referred to submission number 1/11/11 from Mr. [Redacted] on the 26th October, 1990 for the changes to Tail Drains on Beltana and Two Mile properties.

In recent times we have enlarged the sump on the North West boundary of Beltana and installed a 10 inch pump to recycle tailwater in to the head ditch along Homewood’s East boundary. We now have purchased the 18inch pipe to go under Winton's Road and seek permission to go ahead with it as per plan of your reference 1/11/11.

Hoping to hear from you regarding this matter, in the very near future.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

21/10/92

Advised, Peter to ring Hayward re heading, signs and equipment. Check before work proceeds.
Shire Clerk  
Chinchilla Shire Council  
P.O. Box 42  
CHINCHELLA  Q  4413

Dear Sir,

RE: [Masked] - LEVEE BANK


I would advise that during my inspection of [Masked] property I did not inspect the bank on the northern side of Winten's Road. The bank was not inspected because it was felt that it would not constitute a levee bank to Cooranga Creek under the Water Resources Act, whereas, the banks that were inspected may well have needed to be licenced under that Act.

Please do not construe my comments to mean that we consider the levee bank in question would not cause the diversion of overland flows. The Commission has neither the legislative authority nor the information to enable it to give a decisive opinion on that matter. We can, however, say quite confidently that the works to which you refer will not interfere unduly with flows in Cooranga Creek.

You have asked me to comment on the conditions imposed on Council's approval. I do not wish to comment in detail but I would make the two following suggestions.

1. If Council is unable to determine whether or not a proposed bank will affect flooding Council may undertake such investigations as thought necessary at the applicants expense or alternatively the applicant may be requested to provide a detailed study.
Applicants should be required to provide details on their application to ensure that there is no doubt about the location, dimensions, etc of the works being permitted.

I trust that this letter is adequate for your purposes.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

DISTRICT ENGINEER
RE: SALE TO

TO: THE SHIRE CLERK, CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL, CHINCHILLA

ATTENTION: REF: 1/11/11 FAX: 

FROM: CARVOSSO & WINSHIP, SOLICITORS, DALBY

INCLUDING THIS PAGE, THIS FACSIMILE COMPRISSES ONE PAGES.

IF NOT RECEIVED COMPLETE AND FULLY LEGIBLE, PLEASE TELEPHONE TO ARRANGE RE-TRANSMISSION.

Reference your undated letter received on the 23rd, kindly advise if Applications for alterations to Irrigation works on Lot 3 on Registered Plan 32842 and Lot 1 on Registered Plan LY1033 are unconditional.
31 January, 1991

District Engineer,
Water Resources Commission,
PO Box 3180, Town Hall,
TOOWOOMBA   Q 4350

Dear Sir,

Re: [Redacted] - Levee Bank

With reference to previous discussions and correspondence concerning an application for a license under Section 47(24) of the Local Government Act by [Redacted], I would advise that Council is concerned that the Commission may not have inspected the correct area of the application.

The bank which is of concern to Council is that located on the north side of Wintens Road and adjacent to Cooranga Creek on the western boundary of Lot 1 RP54541.

Could you please advise if this is the bank inspected by the Commission and also offer any comments concerning the conditions imposed on the approval as per the attached letter.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

(Shire Clerk)
31 January, 1991

"Rostherne",
WARRA  Q  4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application

With reference to your application to alter and extend your approved irrigation area and water reservoir, I wish to advise that approval is granted subject to the following:-

i) The license be issued for a period of two (2) years in the first instance. During this time a constant check will be kept on the banks etc to ensure that there are no problems during flood times, caused by any of the structures approved herein.

Should no flood occur during the initial license period than the license will be extended every two years until such time as the effect of the structures has been determined.

ii) Should problems arise during a flood, as a result of the structures, and damage caused to public property, then such damage will be rectified at the expense of the owner of Lot 1 RP 54541, Parish of Earle.

iii) The applicant shall indemnify Council against any claim whatsoever arising out of the construction and operation of the irrigation area.

iv) Advice from the Water Resources Commission that the bank on the north side of Wintens Road and adjacent to Coorang Creek on the Western Boundary of Lot 1 RP 54541, is not likely to interfere with the natural watercourse.

v) You are reminded that any such works should not be carried out until approval is granted by Council. It is noted that the work applied for has already been constructed and if a breach of this nature was to occur in the future then Council will not hesitate to prosecute the offender in accordance with the provisions of Councils by-law and the Local Government Act.

Yours faithfully,

(Shire Clerk)
35. Moved Cr. McCutcheon seconded Cr. Vellnagel that the application by [redacted] to alter and extend his approved irrigation area and water reservoir to improve the tail drain system to enable the recycling of water, be approved subject to the following:-

i) The license be issued for a period of two (2) years in the first instance. During this time a constant check will be kept on the banks etc to ensure that there are no problems during flood times, caused by any of the structures approved herein.

Should no flood occur during the initial license period than the license will be extended every two years until such time as the effect of the structures has been determined.

ii) Should problems arise during a flood, as a result of the structures, and damage caused to public property, then such damage will be rectified at the expense of the owner of Lot 1 RP 54541, Parish of Earle.

iii) The applicant shall indemnify Council against any claim whatsoever arising out of the construction and operation of the irrigation area.

iv) Advice from the Water Resources Commission that the bank on the north side of Wintens Road and adjacent to Cooranga Creek on the Western Boundary of Lot 1 RP 54541, is not likely to interfere with the natural watercourse.

v) Council to remind [redacted] that any such works should not be carried out until approval is granted by Council. It is noted that the work applied for has already been constructed and if a breach of this nature was to occur in the future then Council will not hesitate to prosecute the offender in accordance with the provisions of Councils by-law and the Local Government Act.

CARRIED
The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
P.O. Box 42,
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir,

re: [Redacted] Sale to [Redacted]

Thank you for your undated letter received this morning.

Would you kindly let us know the outcome of your Council's deliberations tomorrow.

Sincerely,
WINSHIP
Shor[est] possible grace time (2 years)

[Initial comments crossed out]

Some reservations as to the effect

in a flood.

If problems must be fixed

immediately at their expense.

Any indemnity or loss of the claim

from neighbours for any damage to

be met by applicants.

Wont open-ended situation as

far as flood concerned a might be

5 years till a major flood.
TO
FIRM NAME: CUNNINHILL SHIRE COUNCIL
FAX No: (076) 627/20
ATTENTION: SHIRE CLERK
TELEPHONE No: 
YOUR FILE REF: 7/10/11

TELEPHONE No: 
NAME: 
TELEPHONE No: 
OUR FILE REF: 23-001
DATE: 22/1/1991

THIS TRANSMISSION COMPRISSES THIS PAGE PLUS 3 PAGES

Subject: APPLICATION BY S.47(24) LOCAL GOVT. ACT
Reference: BY ORDER 15/1/1991

I have now received the application submitted to you by [redacted] for a Permit under S.47(24) of the Local Govt. Act. Due to certain details of the proposed works on the application it was necessary for me to seek additional information. On 21/1/91 I visited the property and found that the works have virtually been completed.

I was impressed to look closely at [redacted] proposal in order to determine whether the works adjacent to the Condamine River, particularly the head ditch M-P needed licensing as a levee bank under the Water Resources Act. After inspecting the works I would advise that in my opinion one of the works would need to be licensed under the Water Resources Act. The reservoir bank X-X1 is a significant feature from the watercourse and the head ditch M-P is of minimum importance. I would fail very quickly if major flooding did occur break through the river at this point.

I would therefore request the opportunity to comment on this application before consideration by Council.
I have now reviewed the application submitted to you by [redacted] of Warra for a Permit under S.47(24) of the Local Govt. Act. Due to a lack of details of the proposed works on the application it was necessary for me to seek additional information. On 21/1/91 I inspected the property and found that the works have virtually all been completed.

I was interested to look closely at [redacted] proposal to determine whether the works adjacent to the Condamine River, particularly head ditch M-P, needed licensing as a levee bank under the Water Resources Act. After inspecting the works I would advise that, in my opinion, none of the works would need to be licenced under the Water Resources Act. The reservoir bank Z-X1 is a significant distance from the watercourse and the head ditch M-P is of minimum height and would fail very quickly if major flooding did ever break out of the Condamine River at this point.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application before final consideration by Council.

[Signature]

DISTRICT ENGINEER
15 January, 1991

District Engineer,
Water Resources Commission,
P.O. Box 3180
Town Hall
TOOWOOMBA Q 4350

Dear Sir,

Re: Application - Section 47(24)
Local Government Act

I enclose herewith a copy of an application by [REDACTED] for alterations to a previous permit issued on Lot 1 RP54541 - Parish of Earle and would appreciate any comments on the report by the Commission.

As Council will be considering this matter at its meeting on the 24th of January, it would be appreciated if your reply could be to hand prior to that date.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

[SHIRE CLERK]
Carvosso & Winship
Solicitors
P.O. Box 527
Dalby QLD 4405

Dear Sir,

Re: [Redacted]

With reference to your letter of the 14th of January concerning the above, I wish to advise that the application for alterations to the irrigation works, on Lot 3 RP32842 and Lot 1 on LY1033, will be determined by Council on the 24th of January, 1991.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

(Shire Council)
2/5/13

The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
P.O. Box 42,
CHINCHILLA. Q. 4413.

Dear Sir,

re: [REDACTED] SALE TO [REDACTED]

We refer to your letter of the 8th November last detailing rates particulars in respect of lands described as Lot 3 on Registered Plan 32842 and Lot 1 on Plan LY1033 in the Parish of Earle.

We note you advised us then that an application was currently before Council for alterations to the irrigation works on those properties and we should be obliged to know the current position regarding that application.

Has the application been approved conditionally or unconditionally?

We should be obliged if you could let us have your URGENT advices.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned application for a License under the provision of Subsection (24) of Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1936-1988 has been made to the Chinchilla Shire Council.

Applicant: [Redacted]

The owner of: [Redacted], Parish of Earle, County of Lytton.

Proposed Work: Extension of irrigation area and water reservoir. Improvement of tail drain system so that water can be recycled.

A person being the owner or occupier of land likely to be affected by the licensing of the work may, in writing signed by him, and addressed to the Shire Clerk, Chinchilla Shire Council, object to such License being granted and submit in writing to the Shire Clerk the grounds for such objection.

The application and plan are open to inspection at the Council’s Office.

The 29th day of November, 1990 has been appointed as the last day for the receipt of objections.

[Redacted]
(Shire Clerk)

Civic Centre,
PO Box 42,
Chinchilla. Q. 4413

Chinchilla News - 8 & 15 November, 1990
CHINCAILA SHIRE COUNCIL


This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

I, [Redacted], of KOGAN Rd WARRA, in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant: [Redacted]
(2) Postal Address: [Redacted] WARRA 4411
(3) Location of work (see also 10) County: LYTON Parish: EARLE
Real Property Description: [Redacted] (Fetter near Earl)
Area: 126 Ac
(4) Nature of Works: EXTENSION OF IRRIGATION AREA AND WATER RESERVOIR. IMPROVEMENT OF TAIL DRAIN SYSTEM SO THAT WATER CAN BE RECYCLED
(5) Purpose of Work: As above
(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank) -
(a) Total length of levee bank metres.
(b) Maximum height metres.
(c) Width of top metres.
(d) Width of base metres.
(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed:

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much?

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level:

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation) -
(a) Total length metres. 430.0
(b) Maximum depth metres. 1.5
(c) Width of top metres. 4
(d) Width at base metres. 2
(e) State nature of soil at site: Clay

[Redacted] 18910 301090 141113
(8) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work: [Signature likely to occur]

(9) Period for which permit is required: 20 years?

(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10 000 showing position of streams (if any) direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work. Scale 1:5 000

(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the sum of $15 being the required application fee.

Date: 26/10/90

Signature of Applicant:
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 12th October 1990. I have consulted with the construction firm of Gudholv of Goondiwindi on some of the points raised in your letter, in particular point (i). After calculating the amount of earth to be shifted to bring the entire area under irrigation, they are of the opinion that it is better not to stay too close to the original design as approved in Permit No. 7 and have the area along the natural watercourse as an "Environmental Corridor" and only water between the head ditch and Wintons road.

Point (ii) - The tail drain along Wintons road will be enlarged and given a fall to point T1 from here it will go under Wintons road in a 1200×225 RCBC. This culvert will also take the water from the road table drain. At point T3 it enters a deeper tail drain that flows to a catchment pond near Coonanga Creek. From this pond a pump lifts the water into a ditch on the Western boundary parallel with the T3 tail drain and returns it to point T2 where it enters an 18" pipe to flow under Wintons road and then along a drain on the existing tail drain at T1. From T1 it flows east to the existing pump and pump at 1 for recycling or on to pump at 0 where it can be pumped back into the reservoir.

Point (iii) - Head ditch No. 7 on "Belthana" has been eliminated by doing additional earth work. Tail drains 4/1 and 5/16 have slightly changed angles.
The tail drain on Homewoods boundary has not been altered; but a ditch has been constructed parallel to it so that the tail water can be recycled into Head ditch No. 5 or returned to the "Two Mile" storage or irrigation area.

I hope these works to contain the "tail" waters meet with your Council's approval as I believe that current practice is to contain the tail water within the irrigation area as much as possible. I believe that the only run off that will be lost into streams, from this system if it is approved, will be the run off from a heavy storm.

New irrigation area

I seek your Council's approval to construct the head ditches to serve fields 1, 2A, 2B and 3 in the new irrigation area as shown on enclosed plan. The length of the head ditches is approximately 2,400 meters and the tail drains 2,700 meters. This new area is not subject to flooding.

Extension of off stream storage

To provide water for the enlarged irrigation area it is necessary to increase the size of the water storage reservoir by 1100 M^3.

These extensions however follow the high ground and do not encroach on the natural water course. The maximum bank height is 5.00 meters.

The maximum bank height of the existing storage is 3.00 meters.

I enclose my cheque for $95 and application form, as I believe the enclosed map at scale 1:5,000 can better describe the proposed works. Would it be possible for you to photostate this map and return the original.

Yours truly
4 October, 1990

"Rostherne",

WAUSA  Q 4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Section 47(24) of the Local Government Act

Reference is made to your letter dated 12 September, 1990 and discussions held with Council’s Technical Supervisor on the alterations to your irrigation area master plan.

After consideration of the proposed alterations I advise that Council requires the advertising and relicensing of the master plan as alterations have been made to water levels and water flow directions in the following areas:-

i) Head ditch from lift pump to boundary line has been altered in shape and direction.

ii) Tail drain along Winton’s Road is to be excavated to hold more water and culverts etc., on Winton’s Road, are no longer required to flow water into Head Ditch 7.

iii) Head ditch No. 7 has a changed angle.

iv) Alterations to the tail drain on Homewood’s boundary to reverse the flow of tail water.

Attached please find application forms for submission to Council along with the application fee of $95.00. Also, returned herewith is your copy of the plan of the proposed irrigation master plan.

Would you please complete the necessary documentation in order that the proposal may be proceeded with by Council.

Yours faithfully,

BC Technical Supervisor

Copy for your information.

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SHIRE CLERK
20 June, 1997

Chief Executive Officer
Wambo Shire Council
PO Box 549
DALBY Q 4405

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Permit Application - RN, MC and MP Madder

Reference is made to your letter dated 03 June, 1997 concerning the above application lodged with your shire for an extension of an irrigation scheme constructed on the boundary of Chinchilla Shire.

The original permit for the scheme in Chinchilla Shire was issued in September 1992 for an initial period of 2 years to gauge the effect during heavy rainfall and flooding has expired with no application for renewal being received from the landholder.

Chinchilla Shire is taking the issue up with the applicants to renew the original licence and would request that your Council include a condition on the extension of the development that the original development scheme hold a current permit from Chinchilla Shire Council.

Your co-operation on this issue is appreciated by Council.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
20 June, 1997

WARRA Q 4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Permit - Irrigation Development

Reference is made to a levee bank permit issued by Council in September 1992 issued for a period of 2 years so that the effect of the proposal may be determined following heavy rainfall or flood.

As the permit has expired, Council advises that there has not been an application for renewal of the Permit and as such Council requests an onsite meeting to ascertain the effect of the development since construction.

Failure to renew the permit will result in Council declaring the structure as an illegal structure and action being taken under the Local Government Act 1993.

Would you please contact Council within 14 days from the date of this letter to arrange a suitable date for the onsite inspection.

Your co-operation in this regard would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
The Chief Executive Officer  
Chinchilla Shire Council  
PO Box 42  
CHINCHILLA Q 4413  

Dear Sir  

RE: LEVEE BANK PERMIT APPLICATION  
KN, MC AND MP MADDERN  

Reference is made to the telephone discussion between [redacted] on 30 May 1997 concerning the above levee bank permit application.  

A copy of the application is attached for your information. Discussions between Mrs [redacted] subsequent to the above discussion indicated that the portion of the Levee Bank application within Chinchilla Shire already has a permit.  

Please advise if Chinchilla Shire Council has any problem with [redacted] extension to their existing irrigation scheme.  

Wambo Shire Council intends to make a decision on this application on 5 June 1997. Please contact Mr Phil Tweddell if you have any queries.  

Yours faithfully  

[Signature]  

I've recommended to defer our decision on the Application until July. (The typist was slow).  

[Note: Original handwriting]  

[Signature]  

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT GRANTED UNDER
PART 5 OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993
(Refer AD.PR.001)

THIS APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY THE REGISTERED OWNER OF FREEHOLD
LAND OR THE REGISTERED LESSEE OF CROWN LEASEHOLD LAND

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS UNDER PART 5 OF CHAPTER 9
OF THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993'

(a) If the applicant is purchasing the subject land, but the transfer documents have
not yet been lodged for registration, he should ask the solicitor handling the
sale to contact the Council and advise of the present position of the
transaction.

(b) In terms of the 'Local Government Act 1993', Applications for Permits are
required to be advertised in accordance with the Council's By-Law and even if
no objections are received or any objection received and dismissed there is no
guarantee that the Permit applied for will be granted.

(c) Applicants are warned against taking any action to construct any work until a
Permit from the Council has been received.

(d) All questions in relation to the application must be answered fully as failure to
do so will lead to delays in dealing with the application.

(e) Permits are issued for a limited time as determined by Council.

I/We:

(full name of Applicants)

of:

(full postal address)

Phone No. [number], in the Shire of Wambo being the Owner/Lessee of land
situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plans and upon
which land is constructed (or it is proposed to construct and use) the work hereunder
described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Location of Work: County: Parish:
(2) Lot's on R.P.:

Certificate
of Title No. 126763 Vol 2057 Fol 23

(3) Purpose of Work: Irrigation Works

(4) Is Application for a permit for existing works or for new work?
(5) Plan of property to scale of 1:5000 to be attached, showing positions of streams (if any), direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross-section.

(6) Particulars of works: (if Irrigation Scheme)
(a) General plan full, scheme layout.
(b) Contour information (preferred).
(c) If contours not supplied, the overland storm flow pattern.
(d) Dimensioned cross sectional details of all work.
(e) Recirculation method of irrigation tail water.
(f) Provision for flood water flows through works.

THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS 7 TO 10 ARE NOT REQUIRED IF APPLICATION IS FOR UNCHANGED EXISTING WORKS, or IF D.P.I/CONSULTANT DESIGNED PLAN FOR NEW WORKS IS ATTACHED. IF SO, PROCEED TO PARAGRAPH 11 FOR DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE.

(7) Particulars of Work (if a Levee Bank): head ditch
(a) Total length of Levee Bank: 868.0 metres
(b) Maximum height: 1.0 metres
(c) Width of top: 6.0 metres
(d) Width of base: 1.5 metres
(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed: Black soil
(f) If Levee Bank is on one side of stream, is Levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite banks and by how much:

(8) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation):
(a) Total length: 181.0 metres
(b) Maximum depth: 1.5 metres
(c) Width of top: 3.0 metres
(d) Width at base: 2.5 metres
(e) Nature of soil at site: Black alluvial

(9) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from the proposed work:

(10) (A) Plan/s to show the general flood picture of the area prior to the erection of the works.
(B) Width and depth of flow of water to be diverted by the levee banks:
   (a) Width of Flow?
      (i) Maximum: NIL
      (ii) Average: NIL
   (b) Depth of Flow?
      (i) Maximum: NIL
      (ii) Average: NIL
The point/s at which the water will return to its natural flow:-

(a) Indicate point/s on plan of area.
(b) Is this point in Applicant's property?
(c) Does levee bank/s increase flow or inundate area in other properties?
   NO
(d) If so, state nature of flow or inundate area:

What will be the effect of the levee bank on the general drainage patterns of the area?

Contour and survey information may be submitted to support the Applicant's case for granting of the requisite Permit by the Council.

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the sum of $_________ dollars, being the required application and chainage fee, in any.

Dated at: [Date] this [Day] day of [Month] 19[97]

Signature of the Applicant/s: [Signature]
WAMBO SHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO OWNERS OF PROPERTIES WITHIN ONE KILOMETRE OF APPLICANT'S BOUNDARIES
(Refer Procedure AD.PR.001)

STATEMENT REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION FOR LEVEE BANK PERMIT UNDER PART 5 OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

Applicant/s: [Redacted] Phone No.: [Redacted]
Address: 
Lot/s on RP: [Redacted]
Parish of: [Redacted] County of: [Redacted]

Type of Work: (Please Indicate)
- Irrigation Works
- Ring Tank
- Soil Conservation Works
- Levee Banks

I/We: [Redacted]

the owner/owners of property within a radial distance of one (1) kilometre from any part of the land described above on which the Applicant wishes to apply to the Council for a Levee Bank Permit have been notified by the Applicant of his intention to apply to the Council of the Shire of Wambo for a Levee Bank Permit for existing, proposed or changed works as indicated on the above property.

I/We, realise that signing this statement does not prevent or prejudice my right to make any objection to the Council of the Shire of Wambo on the Application should this procedure be necessary in the circumstances.

Signed: [Redacted] Dated: 23/4/97 Phone No.: [Redacted]
Signed: [Redacted] Dated: 23/4/97 Phone No.: [Redacted]
Signed: [Redacted] Dated: 23/4/97 Phone No.: [Redacted]
Signed: [Redacted] Dated: Phone No.: [Redacted]
Signed: [Redacted] Dated: Phone No.: [Redacted]
Signed: [Redacted] Dated: Phone No.: [Redacted]

NOTE: The Application will be open to objection at the Shire Office for twenty-one (21) days from the first date advertised in the Dalby Herald.
Objection Forms AD.FM.054 is available on request from Council Office.
WAMBO SHIRE COUNCIL

DECLARATION OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP BY OWNER
(Refer Procedure AD.PR.001)

SCHEDULE 3

'OATHS ACT OF 1867'
Statutory Declaration

Queensland
To Wit

I, ____________________________ (Name in full)
in the State of Queensland, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the registered
proprietor as shown on Instrument of Title or Lessee from the Crown as shown on
Instrument of Lease of the land described hereunder.

Description of land:
Lot/s on R.P.: ____________________________
Parish of: ____________________________ County of: ____________________________

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and
by virtue of the 'Oaths Act of 1867'.

DECLARANT: ____________________________

Taken and declared before me at ____________________________, this ____________
day of ____________________________, 19__________

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: ____________________________

Note: If Schedule 3 is completed, Schedule 2 below is not required.

DECLARATION OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP BY SOLICITOR OR BANK MANAGER

SCHEDULE 2

Place: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________

I hereby certify that I have sighted the instrument of Title or Crown lease the
particulars of which are set out as follows:-

Lot/s on R.P.: ____________________________
Parish of: ____________________________ County of: ____________________________
Registered Owner's: ____________________________

(Name/s in full)

Signature: ____________________________ (Solicitor/Bank Manager)
General Information

In any part of the Shire of Wambo, other than where an “Approved Property Plan” has been issued by the Department of Primary Industries under the Soil Conservation Act of 1986 for works covered under that Act, any person intending to construct a Levee Bank, Drains, Ring Tanks, etc must, before the work is commenced, make Application on the prescribed Form for a Levee Bank Permit.

Any Levee Bank, Drains, etc. Not associated with Soil Conservation Work will be required to be licensed with the Council.

A Levee Bank is defined by the Local Government Act, as any embankment or other structure which affects the natural flow of water or flood waters.

The department of primary industries offers a free service to compile and issue approved property plans under the soil conservation act of 1986 for soil conservation works.

Application should be made direct to the Department for all Soil Conservation type work.

APPLICATIONS

It is necessary for an Applicant to submit an Application Form showing all the required particulars and supported by:-

(a) Declaration of property ownership by Solicitor or Bank Manager (Schedule 2);

or

Declaration of property ownership by Owner (Schedule 3);

and

(b) A notice signed by neighbouring property owners within one kilometre of the Applicant’s property boundary;

and
(c) If new works, one copy of Plans, Specifications and details to the following preferred scales:-
- Overall Farm Plan 1:5000
- Cross Section and Details 1:500 (max)
- Or others that clearly define the work

The Council must have a reasonable base upon which to commence processing an Application which must include all dimensions in detail, cross sections of all earthworks with dimensions shown thereon and details of methods for protection against scouring which could affect public lands and other private properties.

A separate written Application to the Council is required in regard to diversion of water from road table drains etc., giving completed drawings and details of location in respect to property. (Except where the work is part of an Irrigation Scheme where details shall be given with the Scheme).

**ABOVE GROUND WATER HARVESTING SCHEMES - RING TANKS AND IRRIGATION WORKS**

Applications for Water Harvesting Schemes must be *all inclusive* as a complete entity viz - collection, supply and distribution channels (Sub-surface or raised), irrigation head ditches, tail water drainage system including re-circulation where applicable and shall be shown on the overall Farm Plan together with details of the location lengths, and configuration of such ditches, channels (all types) irrespective of whether these have received prior approval. The top water level and the above ground storage capacity of the dam is also required.

All referable dams with regard to potential hazard to safety of persons or property from bank failure are the sole responsibility of the Queensland DPI Water Resources.

A referable dam is defined by the Queensland DPI Water Resources as follows:-

1. "That include a barrier whether permanent or temporary that does or could impound, divert or control water; and

   (a) is ten (10) metres or more in height (calculated as prescribed) and creates a reservoir storage capacity (calculated as prescribed) of more than 20,000 cubic metres (20ml);

   (b) creates a reservoir storage capacity (calculated as prescribed) of 50,000 cubic metres (50ml) or more and is more than five (5) metres in height (calculated as prescribed).

   or

2. That are declared by the Department by notification published in the Gazette, to be a referable dam by reason of the danger to life or property that would or could eventuate upon the collapse or failure of the works."

The term does not include a tank construction of steel or concrete or a combination of those materials.
If required by Council, contour information and datum point shall be supplied by the Applicant.

The Council must refuse to license under Section 534 of the Local Government Act 1993 any bank or drains, in connection with Irrigation Works, which is adjacent to the property of a landowner or any public land unless the bank or drain discharges to a natural waterway or provision is made in the Application for either:-

(a) A re-circulatory system to contain the water used on the property of the Applicant;

(b) A sump to absorb or retain water used on the property of the Applicant;

(c) An outfall drain or structure to discharge water from the property of the Applicant to any public land in a manner acceptable to the Council;

or

(d) Some other mode of discharge that satisfies the Council.

\[ \text{FEES} \]

(a) New Applications:-

(i) Levee Bank or Drains for flood control - Application and Advertising Fee $150.00 plus Chainage Fee five (5) cents per metre.

(ii) Ring Tanks and Irrigation Works - All Applications, irrespective of who designs them, and including Ring Tank, or Turkey’s nest - Application and Advertising Fee $150.00 plus actual costs incurred by Council in inspecting and reporting. The Inspection Fee is $200 per day.

Minimum fee, to accompany the application is $250.00 ($150.00 + $100.00 for ½ Day Inspection/Reporting). If costs are greater than $250.00 Council will notify applicant with an account for balance.

(b) Existing Works:-

Existing works - where a Permit was previously issued and there is no changes to relevant work - no Application or Chainage Fee is applicable. Where the works have changed, the Fees as applicable to a new Application must be submitted.

Soil Conservation Works should be renewed as “Approved Property Plan” under the Soil Conservation Act of 1986 through the Department of Primary Industries.
PROCEDURES

When an Application is received together with other necessary information and the appropriate Fee, the Council advertises the proposal and objections can be lodged within twenty-one (21) days of last advertisement date. The Council then considers the proposal and any objections, and determines the matter.

PERIOD OF PERMITS

(i) Levee Banks and Drains - as determined by Council.

(ii) Ring Tanks and Irrigation Works - initial Permit five (5) years, maximum ten (10) years thereafter.

Permits of Irrigation Works shall be provisional until the works are inspected and found to be in conformity with the Permit Specifications.
Motion 17 to be amended to include the conditions imposed by Queensland Transport as follows:-

Moved Cr. McCutcheon seconded Cr. Vellnagel that Council grant approval to the latest plan submitted and attached to the levee bank application for [larger text] on the following conditions:

i) As the design of the proposal has not been undertaken by a suitably qualified person, Council approval is restricted to two (2) years so that the affected proposal may be determined following heavy rainfall or flood.

ii) Compliance with Queensland Transport requirements, being "The bank should be constructed such that any water diverted to use the table drain on any declared roads should not exceed that which the drains were originally designed for. To this end the Department wishes to reserve the right to withdraw consent at any stage if the condition is seen to be breached."

CARRIED
27 November, 1992

Mavlingup Pastoral Company

WAROA Q 4411

Re: Levee Bank Application

I refer to your recent conversation with Cr. Wallnagel concerning the levee bank license issued for Portion ___ Parish of Earle (Hayward). I enclose herewith a copy of the conditions attached to the permit for your information.

Yours faithfully,

SHIRE CLERK

Enc.
27 November, 1992

WARRA Q 4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank License

I refer to my letter of 24 November, concerning the above and wish to advise that a part of the letter was inadvertently omitted.

Please note that, in accordance with Section 47 (24)(j) of the Local Government Act, should you not agree with Council's decision you may appeal to the Commissioner of Water Resources, within thirty (30) days hereof.

In addition, as an objection was lodged against your application, the objectors also has thirty (30) days to appeal Council's decision, accordingly no permit can actually be issued until the expiration of this thirty (30) day period or until any appeal is determined.

The objector to your application was Warra.

Yours faithfully,

SHIRE CLERK
27 November, 1992

Maylingup Pastoral Company
WARRA Q 4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application -

With reference to your letter of 31 August, objection to a levee bank license and earthworks application from [redacted] on Sub 2, Portion [redacted] and Portion [redacted] Parish of Earle, I wish to advise that it is Council's intention to approve the application, subject to the following:

i) As the design of the proposal has not been undertaken by a suitably qualified person, approval is restricted to two (2) years so that the effect of the proposal may be determined following heavy rainfall or flood.

ii) Compliance with Department of Transport requirements, being "The bank should be constructed such that any water diverted to use the table drain on any declared roads should not exceed that which the drains were originally designed for. To this end the Department wishes to reserve the right to withdraw consent at any stage if this condition is seen to be breached."

With regards to the content of your objection, Council has determined that, in their opinion the proposed works will not affect your land due to your property being located at the end of the planned irrigated area and tailing drains in this area will drain the water away.

Should you not agree with Council's decision you have thirty (30) days from the date hereof in which to lodge an appeal to the Commissioner of Water Resources.

Yours faithfully,

SHIRE CLERK
24 November, 1992

WARRA  Q  4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Licence

With reference to your application to construct levee banks and other earthworks associated with an irrigation scheme on Sub 2 Portion 1319 and Portion 337, Parish of Earle, I wish to advise that approval is granted, in accordance with the plan attached to your letter of 6 November, 1992, subject to the following:-

i) As the design of the proposal has not been undertaken by a suitably qualified person, approval is restricted to two (2) years so that the effect of the proposal may be determined following heavy rainfall or flood.

ii) Compliance with Department of Transport requirements, being "The bank should be constructed such that any water diverted to use the table drain on any declared roads should not exceed that which the drains were originally designed for. To this end the Department wishes to reserve the right to withdraw consent at any stage if this condition is seen to be breached."

Yours faithfully,

SHIRE CLERK
6 November 1992

The Shire Clerk
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCHILLA QLD 4413

Dear Sir

Levee Bank Application

With reference to your letter of 19 August 1992 regarding the above matter.

I wish to advise that Queensland Transport has no objections in principle to the erection of the levee bank for irrigation purposes.

However the bank should be constructed such that any water diverted to use the table drains on any declared roads should not exceed that which the table drains were originally designed for.

To this end this Department wishes to reserve the right to withdraw consent at any stage if this condition is seen to be breached.

I wish to apologise for the delay in replying to your correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

MANAGER (PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES) TOOWOOMBA
November General Meeting Minutes

Water Resources Commission - Ltr. 11 (PF1601/1)

Levee Bank Application - [redacted]

Cr. Vellnagel reported that the plans and levels supplied for the irrigation and ring tank construction scheme by [redacted] have not been prepared by qualified Engineers and Surveyors.

17. **Moved** Cr McCutcheon **seconded** Cr. Vellnagel that Council grant approval to the latest plan submitted and attached to the levee bank application for [redacted] on the following condition:-

i) As the design of the proposal has not been undertaken by a suitably qualified person, Council approval is restricted to two (2) years so that the effect of the proposal may be determined following heavy rainfall or flood.

**CARRIED**
Dear Sir,

LEVEE BANK APPLICATION
RC & MC MADDERN - WARRA

Following an approach to the Commission by [redacted] for advice on Council's requirements in relation to his levee bank application, discussions have been held on the property between Councillors Vellnagel and McCutcheon, [redacted] and [redacted] of this Office.

As an extension of the comment provided in my letter of 31 August, 1992, I now wish to confirm the advice provided during the discussion.

It would be necessary for a detailed technical appraisal of the proposal to be undertaken as a basis for specific comment on the matters raised by Council. Further information would be required to support such an appraisal, and the collection and interpretation of this information would represent a significant cost to [redacted].

Nevertheless, the information provided to date presents a clear indication of the overall proposal, on which it is possible to base general comment which might assist both Council and [redacted].

As noted in my previous letter, the layout as presented takes flood flow paths into consideration. It would appear that the proposal makes adequate allowance for the unimpeded passage of flood flow. In this respect, works carried out in accordance with the presented layout would be satisfactory.

The surface slopes within the property are variable in both direction and degree. In particular, downfield and crossfield slopes are generally at the upper limit of suitability for surface irrigation, and indeed practice might show the method to be operationally unsatisfactory in some areas.
Nevertheless, the implementation of a well managed surface irrigation scheme would not be expected to pose an unacceptable risk of erosion within the developed area. In this regard, the ability to control furrow length and spacing is a significant positive influence in terms of run-off control.

The proposal to impound and recirculate tail water from the area is consistent with the principle of recirculation adopted by most operators of systems similar to that proposed.

In absence of the hydraulic details of the proposed drainage works, it is confirmed that it would be usual to design tail drains to carry a flow rate capable of draining the volume of runoff produced by a "1 in 5 year" 24 hour rainfall from the subject area in 24 hours. Furthermore, drains would not generally be designed with bed slopes exceeding about 1 in 1 000, in order to ensure stability.

The required volume of retention pondage is determined as balance between the volume of water delivered under the drainage design criterion mentioned above, and the relift pumping rate available. It is not possible to provide comment on this aspect without details of drain capacities and relift pumping rates.

I trust that the above comments will be of assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

DISTRICT MANAGER
18 September, 1992

WARRA Q 4411

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application

With reference to your recent application for approval to construct a Ring Tank and associated head ditches and tail drains on Sub 2 Portion 1319, I wish to advise that Council has resolved to grant approval in principle to the application, subject to the following:-

i) That Engineer designed plans are submitted for the proposal addressing the following concerns:-

   a) Overall design;
   b) Shape and size of banks and retention ponds to hold run-off water;
   c) No retention ponds where water runs across the Warra-Kogan Road to Warra Warra Lagoon;
   d) The creation of erosion problems in some areas where it is intended to flood irrigate.

Your application cannot be further considered until the above conditions are complied with.

Should you have any queries please contact Council’s Technical Supervisor, [name]

Yours faithfully,

SHIRE CLERK
September General Meeting Minutes

Levee Bank Application - (PF1601/1)

45. Moved Cr. Vellnagel seconded Cr. Flett that Council grant approval in principle to the Levee Bank application under Section 47 (11) of the Local Government Act subject to the following requirements:-

i) That Engineer Designed Plans are submitted for clarification of concerns (ie. design, shape and size of banks and retention ponds to hold run off water, no retention pond where water runs across the Warra-Kogan Road to Warra Warra Lagoon and the creation of erosion problems in some areas where the applicant intends to flood irrigate).

Further, the objector, [Redacted], be advised that it is Council opinion that the proposed works will not affect his land as it is located at the end of the planned irrigated area and tailing drains in this area will drain the water away.

CARRIED
Shire Clerk’s September Report

10. **Levee Bank Application** (PF1601/1)

Applicant: [Redacted] and [Redacted]

**Location of Works:** Sub 2 Portion 1319 and Portion 337, Parish of Earle.

**Area:** 199.973 hectares.

**Nature of Works:** The applicants have applied to construct a ring tank and associated head ditches, tail drains and earth sump and a tail drain pond.

**Purpose of Works:** Irrigation.

**Description of Works:**

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All tail water is to be recycled.

**Period Permit Required:** Indefinitely.

**Advertising:** Advertising was carried out in accordance with Council By-law 4, Chapter 42, with the closing date for objections set at 3 September.

**Objections:** One objection was received to the application as follows:-

The objectors property is located adjacent to the applicants, in the Shire of Wambo. The basis of their objection is "Our land is likely to be affected in the following manner:--

Portions [REDACTED] Parish of Thorn, all have runoff water draining naturally through the low areas into the land occupied by [REDACTED], and then it moves through their property. We are anxious that this water would still continue to do this, and not take longer to drain away or be held up altogether.

In periods of flooding, most of this country is inundated by the Condamine River up to 2 metres deep.

Our other concern is that so much irrigation development is, and has been carried out a little further downstream, that non one is sure where the water will back up, or what channels it will cut to drain away.

They request that Council inspect their area of cultivation on Portion [REDACTED] Sub 1, Parish Earle, along the boundary on which has been constructed an irrigation tail water elevated drain and bank, which along with other works could/will significantly change the pattern of water flow in flood times with significant damage to their land."

Comment: The Technical Supervisor and Area Councillors will be inspecting the area prior to the Council Meeting and will further report on the contents of the objection.

Referral: The application was referred to the Department of Transport and Water Resources Commission. A response was received from the Water Resources Commission as follows:--

"The applicant has indicated the works subject to the application will be undertaken on a staged basis. Following the construction of the dam and water harvesting works, irrigation development will progressively extend from the initial development of easily commanded land to the more difficult land. It is intended that the entire property will ultimately be irrigated.

The property is significantly traversed by flood water associated with the Condamine River. However, all above ground earthworks have been planned so as not to encroach into flood flow paths. In particular, the proposed dam is located on land which is substantially free of inundation. As such, the works proposed would not be expected to impact on flooding in the area.

As a result of discussions during the inspection, the proposal for the construction of the dam might be varied to allow for the north-eastern corner of the dam to be extended northwards. This would be advantageous for commanding tail water and would also increase the capacity of the dam at insignificant additional cost. The extension would have no implications in regard to either the passage
Dear Sir,

LEVEE BANK APPLICATION -

A property inspection has been carried out in relation to the above application, as a result of which I am now able to comment as follows.

The applicant has indicated the works subject to the application will be undertaken on a staged basis. Following the construction of the dam and waterharvesting works, irrigation development will progressively extend from the initial development of easily commanded land to the more difficult land. It is intended that the entire property will ultimately be irrigated.

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In regard to tail water, it is noted that the project has been planned to facilitate the return of drainage and tailwater to the main storage from all irrigation blocks.

It is noted that the applicants currently hold waterworks licences as necessary under the Water Resources Act in respect of particular elements of the project. These licences remain current until July, 1993, at which time the applicants may apply for renewal.
In conclusion, it is confirmed that the Commission's requirements in relation to the project have been met, and that the inspection has revealed no aspect of the project to which the Commission would raise objection.

I thank Council for the opportunity to review this application and trust that the above comments will be of assistance.

Yours faithfully,

DISTRICT MANAGER
The Shire Clerk  
Chinchilla Shire Council  
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir

Re APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED EARTHWORKS OF  
ON THEIR PROPERTY IN PARISH EARLE FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES

Our property in Parish of Thorn, Shire of Wambo is adjacent to land of  
[redacted] on which earthworks are proposed,

Our land is likely to be affected in the following manner-

Portions  [redacted] Parish of Thorn, County of Lytton, all have runoff water draining naturally through the low areas into the land occupied by  [redacted], and then it moves through their property. We are anxious that this water would still continue to do this, and not take longer to drain away or be held up altogether.

In periods of flooding, most of this country is inundated by the Condamine River up to 2 metres deep.

Our other concern is that so much irrigation development is, and has been carried out a little further downstream, that no one is sure where the water will back up, or what channels it will cut to drain away.

I am asking the Council if they would inspect our area of cultivation on Portion  [redacted] Sub 1 Parish Earle, along the boundary of which has been constructed an irrigation tail water elevated drain and bank, which along with other works could/will significantly change the pattern of water flow in flood times with significant damage to our land.

I shall await your reply.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]  
per MAYLINGUP PASTORAL COMPANY
Dear Sir,

LEVEE BANK APPLICATION

Thank you for referring the above application to me.

As discussed with your [redacted] it will be necessary for an inspection of the site of the proposed works to be undertaken before I am able to provide any comment on the application.

It is anticipated that there will be a delay of about three (3) weeks before this inspection can be made. Comment will, however, be available immediately following the inspection.

I trust that this time frame will be satisfactory to Council.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

DISTRICT MANAGER
10 August, 1992

The District Engineer
Queensland Transport
PO Box 645
TOOWOOMBA Q 4350

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of an application by [REDACTED] for construction of a Ring Tank and associated head ditches, tail drains etc.

Your early advices on the proposal would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

SHIRE CLERK
7 August, 1992

Regional Manager
Water Resources Commission
PO Box Town Hall
TOOWOOMBA Q 4350

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Re: Levee Bank Application

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Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

SHIRE CLERK
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned application for a License under the provision of Subsection (24) of Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1936-1988 has been made to the Chinchilla Shire Council.

Applicant: [Redacted]


Proposed Work: Ring tank and associated head ditches and tail drains, earth sump and tail drain pond.

A person being the owner or occupier of land likely to be affected by the licensing of the work may, in writing signed by him, and addressed to the Shire Clerk, Chinchilla Shire Council, object to such License being granted and submit in writing to the Shire Clerk the grounds for such objection.

The application and plan are open to inspection at the Council’s Office.

The 3rd day of September, 1992 has been appointed as the last day for the receipt of objections.

[Redacted] (Shire Clerk)

Civic Centre,
PO Box [Redacted]
Chinchilla. Q. 4413

Chinchilla News - 6 & 13 August, 1992
CHINCHELLA SHIRE COUNCIL


This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

I, [Redacted], of "Willoyd" WARRA, in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant: [Redacted]

(2) Postal Address: [Redacted] WARRA 4411

(3) Location of work (see also 10) County: LYTTON Parish: EARLE
Real Property Description: Portion [Redacted]
Area: 199.97 Ha.

(4) Nature of Works: RING TANK AND ASSOCIATED HERD DITCHES AND TAIL DRAINS AND EARTH SUDD AND TAIL DRAIN POND

(5) Purpose of Work: IRRIGATION

(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank) -
(a) Total length of levee bank metres.
(b) Maximum height metres.
(c) Width of top metres.
(d) Width of base metres.
(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed:

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much?

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level:

Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation) - RING TANK

(a) Total length metres. 1000 CREST.
(b) Maximum depth HEIGHT metres. 7
(c) Width of top metres. 4
(d) Width at base metres. 32
(e) State nature of soil at site: ALLUVIAL LOAM OVER CLAY

SEE APPENDIX OVERLEAF

26.7.91
(8) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work: **SELF CONTAINED, ALL TAIL WATER TO BE RECycled.**

(9) Period for which permit is required: **INDEFINITELY**

(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10 000 showing position of streams (if any) direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.

(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the sum of being the required application fee.

**Date: 28-7-92**

**Signature of Applicant:** [Redacted]

**APPENDIX**

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Water Resources Commission
P.O. BOX 3180 TOWN HALL
TOOWOOMBA Q 4350

Name and Address of Licensee

WARRA QLD 4411

License Number A 47678 Expiry Date 31/7/1993 File Number WL 497

Description of Works
AN EARTH DAM WITH THE FOLLOWING DIMENSIONS:
HEIGHT TO TOP. 7.0 m
BASE WIDTH... 10.0 m
CREST WIDTH... 4.0 m
CREST LENGTH.. 1000 m
CAPACITY...... 300 ML

Location of Works
Description
EARLE

Parish
LYTTON

County

Supply

Name of Watercourse NOT ON A WATERCOURSE

Use of Works IRRIGATION

Date of Original Issue 25/7/1988

It is the licensee's responsibility to apply for renewal of this Licence before it expires, effective of the Commissioner sending an expiry notice.

Licence is issued under the Water Resources Act 1989 -1990 and is subject to the terms recited hereon or attached hereto.

Dated at TOOWOOMBA this TENTH day of JULY 1991

[Signature]

for COMMISSIONER OF WATER RESOURCES
Name and Address of Licensee

WARRA QLD 4411

Licence Number A 47677

Expiry Date 31/7/1993

Location of Works

75 MILLIMETRE CENTRIFUGAL PUMP CAPABLE OF PUMPING A MAXIMUM OF ___ LITRES PER SECOND AGAINST ___ METRES HEAD.

Issuer of Works

Description

Parish EARLE

County LYTTON

Supply

Description (a) (b)

Parish (a) EARLE (b) THORN

County (a) LYTTON (b) LYTTON

Name of Watercourse CONDAMINE RIVER

Purposes of Works

IRRIGATION

Area to be Irrigated 40 HECTARES

Crop to be Irrigated LUCERNE & MISCELLANEOUS GRAIN CROPS

Date of Original Issue 25/7/1988

The licensee's responsibility to apply for renewal of this Licence before it expires, irrespective of the Commissioner sending an expiry notice.

Any licence issued under the Water Resources Act 1989 is subject to the terms and conditions set out and attached hereto.

Issued at TOOWOOMBA this TENTH day of JULY 1991

for COMMISSIONER OF WATER RESOURCES
Name and Address of Licensee

WARRA QLD 4411

License Number A 47676 Expiry Date 31/7/1993 File Number WL 497

Description of Works

300 MILLIMETRE MIXED FLOW VOLUTE PUMP CAPABLE OF PUMPING A MAXIMUM OF ___ LITRES PER SECOND AGAINST ___ METRES HEAD.

Location of Works

Description
Parish EARLE
County LYTON

Supply

Description (a) ___ (b) ___
Parish (a) EARLE (b) THORN
County (a) LYTON (b) LYTON

Name of Watercourse CONDAMINE RIVER

Purpose of Works WATER HARVESTING

Date of Original Issue 25/7/1988

It is the licensee's responsibility to apply for renewal of this Licence before it expires, irrespective of the Commissioner sending an expiry notice.

A Licence is issued under the Water Resources Act 1989-1990 and is subject to the terms

Issued at TOOWOOMBA this TENTH day of JUNE 1991

for COMMISSIONER OF WATER RESOURCES
Name and Address of Licensee

WARRA QLD 4411

Licence Number A 47675 Expiry Date 31/7/1993 File Number WL 497

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Issued at TOOWOOMBA this TENTH day of JULY 1991

for COMMISSIONER OF WATER RESOURCES
In Reply Please Quote: PF1601/1

21 August, 1998

"Warra Warra"

WARRA Q 4411

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your recent application for approval to construct a cell extension to an existing ring tank water storage on land described as Lot 2 on RP54541, Parish of Earle.

I wish to advise that approval has been granted subject to the following:-

i) That the initial approval be for a period of 5 years with provision for Council to extend approval for periods determined by Council at the time provided there are no problems arising as a result of the works.

ii) That the application approved by Council in September 1992 for irrigation head ditches, tail drains and channels in the name of [redacted] be approved in the name of [redacted] for a period of 5 years in accordance with i) above.

Should you not agree with Council's decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 538 of the Local Government Act, a copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BC
Sudholz Pty Ltd
PO Box 883
GOONDIWINDI Q 4390

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

 PO Box 42 Chinchilla 4413
 Telephone: (07) 4662 7056  Fax: (07) 4662 7720
 ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
21 August, 1998

"Warra Warra"
WARRA Q 4411

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ii) That the application approved by Council in September 1992 for irrigation head ditches, tail ditches and channels in the name of be approved in the name of for a period of 5 years in accordance with i) above.

Should you not agree with Council's decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 538 of the Local Government Act, a copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
commit the offence, the person commits a continuing offence.
Maximum penalty—1 penalty unit for each day on which the offence is
continued.

Division 3—Appeals

Appeal against local government’s decision

538.(1) An appeal tribunal for hearing and deciding appeals against
decisions of a local government on an application is formed by the chief
executive of the department within which the Water Resources Act 1989 is
administered or that chief executive’s delegate.

(2) A person aggrieved by a decision of a local government on an
application may appeal to an appeal tribunal.

(3) The appeal must be started within 30 days after the person aggrieved
is given written notice of the decision.

(4) The appeal is started by the person filing a notice of appeal with the
chief executive mentioned in subsection (1) and giving a copy of the notice
to the local government.

(5) As soon as practicable after the appeal is started, the chief executive
officer of the local government must inform the chief executive mentioned
in subsection (1) of the persons, other than the appellant, who made the
application and who made submissions on the application.

(6) The person who is to form the appeal tribunal on the appeal must
inform the appellant, the local government, and the persons mentioned in
subsection (5) of the day, time and place for hearing of the appeal.

Decision on appeal

539.(1) An appeal tribunal may—
(a) dismiss an appeal and confirm the decision of the local
government; or
(b) allow the appeal, set aside the decision of the local government
and substitute the decision it considers should have been made on
17 July, 1998

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your recent application for approval to construct an earthen-dam and bywash system on land described as Lot 2 on the Survey Plan of Parish of Warren.

I wish to advise that approval has been granted subject to the following:

i) That the initial be for a period of 5 years with provision for Council to extend approval for periods determined by Council at the time provided there are no problems arising as a result of the works.

Should you not agree with Council’s decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 538 of the Local Government Act, a copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PO Box 42 Chinchilla 4413
Telephone: (07) 4662 7056 Fax: (07) 4662 7720
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
1. **Levee Bank Application - **(PF1601/1)

   **Applicant:**

   **Land Description:** The land is described as Lot 2 on Parish of Earle.

   **Land Owner:** The land is owned by

   **Tenure of Land:** Lot 2 is freehold land.

   **Nature of Works:** Cell extension to existing ring tank water storage.

   **Purpose of Works:** Water storage for irrigation

   **Permit Period required:** 10 Years

   **Advertising:** The application has been advertised on 25 June and 02 July, 1998 in accordance with Section 534 (2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1993 and Council's Local Law No. 42, calling for support or objections to the proposal closing with Council on July 24, 1998.

   **Support or Objections:** At the close of the advertising period, there were no letters of support or objections to the proposal.

   **Consultation:** The proposal has not been inspected by Council's Technical Supervisor who advises that there will be no effect on Council's infrastructure and that he is familiar with the area.

   The Department of Natural Resources have not inspected the proposal at this stage, however a copy of the Plans have been supplied to the Department for comment. To date there has been no comment.

   Copies of Plans are appended for Councillors information.

   An on site meeting of the Levee Bank Committee was not thought warranted as the proposal was actually an extension of an existing approved structure with no levee banks, irrigation channels or tailwater involved as the irrigation project has previously been approved to the previous owners
**Recommendation:** The proposal is placed before Council for consideration and I would recommend approval on the following conditions:-

i) That the initial approval be for a period of 5 years with provision for Council to extend approval for periods determined by Council at the time provided there are no problems arising as a result of the works.

ii) That the application approved by Council in September 1992 for irrigation head ditches, tail drains and channels in the name of [Redacted] be renamed in the name of [Redacted] for a period of 5 years in accordance with i) above.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

FLAT FOR RENT

Applications, from suitably qualified persons are invited for occupancy of a Flat on the corner of Northland, Wambo Streets, Chinchilla.

The Flat is considered suitable for residence without modification.

Applications are available at the Council Office.

ED HOFFMANN,
Chief Executive Officer,
P.O. Box 42, Chinchilla Q 4413.

CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

CONSTRUCTION OF BANKS

Notice is hereby given that the Chinchilla Shire Council has made an application for a licence under the section 534 of the Local Government Act 1993, for the construction of a bank.

The application is available at the Council Office.

ED HOFFMANN,
Chief Executive Officer,
P.O. Box 42, Chinchilla Q 4413.

CHINCHILLA ECONOMIC and TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION INC.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Chinchilla Economic and Tourism Development Association is accepting applications for the position of Economic Development Officer.

A detailed position description and selection criteria are available at the Chinchilla Shire Council office or by contacting Ed Hoffmann (07-4662 7062).

Applications are to be submitted to: Ed Hoffmann, Chinchilla Shire Council, PO Box 42, Chinchilla Q 4413.

Form 7
Integrated Planning Act 1997
PUBLIC NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION
PLANNING SCHEME FOR THE CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL
Proposal: Establish a second stage development for a micro-brewery at 86-88 Heeney Street, Chinchilla.
Any person may make an objection to the Council Office by the close of business on or before July 31, 1998.

Form 7
Integrated Planning Act 1997
PUBLIC NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION
PLANNING SCHEME FOR THE CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL
Proposal: Establishment of a new business at 86-88 Heeney Street, Chinchilla.
Any person may make an objection to the Council Office by the close of business on or before July 31, 1998.

Form 7
Integrated Planning Act 1997
Public Notice of Development Application
Planning Scheme for the Chinchilla Shire Council
Proposal: Establishment of a new business at 86-88 Heeney Street, Chinchilla.
Any person may make an objection to the Council Office by the close of business on or before July 31, 1998.
21 July, 1998

Soil Conservation Officer
Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 273
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear [Name]

Re: Levee Bank Application - B & H Hayward

Attached please find a copy of the above application and plans for the extension of an existing ringtank on Lot 2 on [Address] Parish of Earle for your information and any concerns.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Enc.

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

I, (Name of Applicant) of "WARRA WARRA" in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant
(2) Postal Address
WARRA 4411
(3) Location of work (see also 10) Country LYTON Parish EARLE
Real Property Description SUB 2 RESUB SUB 4 PORTION
Area 109.728 ha
(4) Nature of Works
CELL EXTENSION TO EXISTING RING TANK WATER STORAGE.
(5) Purpose of Work
WATER STORAGE FOR IRRIGATION

(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank) -
(a) Total length of levee bank 900 metres
(b) Maximum height 7.0 metres
(c) Width of top 5.0 metres
(d) Width of base 5.4 metres
(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed COMPACTED CLAY

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much? N/A
(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level 5.5m

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation)
(a) Total length........................ MHz
(b) Maximum depth........................ MHz
(c) Width of top........................ MHz
(d) Width at base........................ MHz
(e) State nature of soil at site

Page 1 of 3
(8) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work:  **No injury envisaged.**

(9) Period for which permit is required:  **10 years.**

(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10,000 showing position of streams (if any), direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.

(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the required application fee.

Date: 11-6-98  
Signature of Applicant: [Redacted]

1) If the applicant is purchasing the subject land, but the transfer documents have not yet been lodged for registration, he/she should ask the solicitor handling the sale to contact the Council and advise of the present position of the transaction.

2) In terms of the Local Government Act 1936-1988, applications for permits are required to be advertised in accordance with the Council's By-laws and even if no objections are received, or any objections are received and dismissed, there is no guarantee that the permit applied for will be granted.

3) The applicant is warned against taking any action to construct any work until a permit from the Council has been received.

4) All questions in relation to this application must be answered fully as failure to do so will lead to correspondence with consequent delay in dealing with the application.

Date .......... 6-00 ........... Signature of Applicant ...........................
Typical X-Section

Notes
1. Cut-off to extend at least 500 mm into natural clay zone and to be backfilled with well compacted clay. Final depth to be determined on site.

2. Embankment to be built to construction crest level, this being 5% higher than design crest level shown to allow for post construction settlement.
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

CONSTRUCTION OF BANKS

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned application for a licence under the provision of Section 534 of the Local Government Act 1993 has been made to Council.

Applicant:  
"Warra Warra" Warra.

The owners of Lot 2 on , Parish of Earle.

Proposed Works:  Construction of Cell Extension to existing Earthen Dam Water Storage for the purpose of Water Storage for Irrigation.

A person being the owner or occupier of land likely to be affected by Licensing of the work may, in writing signed by them and address to the Chief Executive, Chinchilla Shire Council, object to such Licence being granted and the facts and circumstances relied on by the objector in support of the objection.

The application and plans are open to inspection at the Council Office and the last day appointed for the receipt of objections is July 24, 1998.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PO Box CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Chinchilla News - 25 June 1998
1 July 1998
Dear [Redacted]

Re: Levee Bank Application for Works at “Willoyd” Warra

Please find enclosed application and fee for extension works proposed for the ring tank storage on “Willoyd”. The proposed works as shown on the plans will join to the existing storage on the eastern side encircling the higher country and therefore should have no major implications on the floodplain. The existing storage recently breached to the east. Therefore the new cell as well as augmenting the storage capacity, it will also secure the existing cell. It is planned to refurbish the remainder of the existing embankment during construction to further secure the entire works.

The new cell will take in the “Willoyd” residence. The house and all amenities will be removed prior to final commissioning.

Further applications will be made in the near future regarding minor layout changes to the irrigation fields.

Please contact Brian or myself should you require further information.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

Sudholz Pty Ltd
Per [Redacted] (Agric.) ; RPEQ [Redacted]
(Senior Engineer)

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

I, .................................................................. of "WARRA WARRA" .................................................. in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant ..........................................................

(2) Postal Address ..........................................................

(3) Location of work (see also 10) Country Lytton Parish EARLE

Real Property Description Sub 2 Resub Sub 4 Portion

Area ....................................................................

(4) Nature of Works..........................................................

CELL EXTENSION TO EXISTING RING TANK WATER STORAGE.

(5) Purpose of Work ..........................................................

WATER STORAGE FOR IRRIGATION

(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank)

(a) Total length of levee bank .................................. metres

(b) Maximum height ............................................. metres

(c) Width of top .................................................. metres

(d) Width of base .................................................. metres

(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed ...........................................

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much?........................ N/A

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level

..................................................

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation)

(a) Total length .................................................. metres

(b) Maximum depth ............................................. metres

(c) Width of top .................................................. metres

(d) Width at base .................................................. metres

(e) State nature of soil at site ...........................................
(8) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work \textit{No injury envisaged}

\begin{center}
\textit{Works encircle a higher area above flood height.}
\end{center}

(9) Period for which permit is required \textit{10 years}

(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10 000 showing position of streams (if any), direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.

(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the required application fee.

\begin{center}
Date 11-6-98 Signature of Applicant \text{[redacted]}
\end{center}

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4) All questions in relation to this application must be answered fully as failure to do so will lead to correspondence with consequent delay in dealing with the application.

Date .../11.6.98 Signature of Applicant [Redacted]
Typical X-Section

Notes
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21 November 2000

"Warra Warra"
WARRA Q 4411

Dear Sir,

Re:  Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your applications for approval for the construction of the following:

i)  An Earthen Tailwater and Storage Dam for the storage of water harvested under Licence No. 947670 and the collection of tailwater required by Cotton Best Management Practises on land described as Lot 3 on [REDACTED] and Lot 1 on Plan LYT [REDACTED], Parish of Earle.

ii)  Additional irrigation area and tail water return system on land described as Lot 1 on [REDACTED] parish of Earle to operate in conjunction with application i).

I wish to advise that the application was considered by Council at the general meeting held on 16 November 2000, and that approval in accordance with Section 937 of the Local Government Act and Council's Local Law No 42 - Levee Banks was granted for the construction of storages (50ML sump and 600ML dam and extra irrigation as above in accordance with plans submitted for the purpose of harvesting water and tailwater return system subject to the following conditions:-

i)  That approval be granted on the works for a period of two (2) years with provision to renew the approval for a period to be determined by Council, at that time, provided that there are no problems arising as result of the works.

ii)  Construction of the works shall be commenced within twelve (12) months of the date of the fulfilment of conditions and be completed within two (2) years of that date.

iii)  That the construction of the works on the allotment shall be in accordance with the submitted Engineering construction report and sound engineering guidelines.

iv)  Agricultural practises on the land shall be in accordance with industry best practices.

v)  That the applicant be solely responsible for repairing any damage as a result of soil erosion or whatever associated with the proposal on lot 3 [REDACTED] & Lot 1 [REDACTED] and any adjoining lots affected by the structure.
vi) It is the applicants' responsibility to check the structure placement with respect to the flood flows in both the Condamine and Cooranga Creek systems and confirm in writing to both Chinchilla Shire Council and the Department of Natural Resources that this structure will not impede flood flows in this location.

vii) The applicant is advised that the off-take channel and use of any waters from Cooranga Creek are not covered by Council approval and must be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources.

viii) The applicant is advised that the draft Condamine-Balonne Water Allocation & Management Plan which was released by the Queensland Government on the 14 June 2000 has indicated that new storage and diversion works including extensions and increase in diversion rates, based on overland flow, will have a lower priority in receiving a water share. Works not started before this date are at risk of not being recognised and therefore you may not be allowed to capture water in the event that the State Government feels it is necessary to exercise controls. Accordingly, it would be unwise to proceed with further development at this time. If you have any concerns about your situation you should contact the Department of Natural Resources in Toowoomba on [redacted].

ix) The Department of Natural Resources formal advice that the projects are not required to be licensed under the Water Act shall be obtained prior to commencement of construction.

During the advertising period Council was in receipt of nil submissions.

Should you not agree with Council’s decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 942 of the Local Government Act 1993, a copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

BC [redacted]
Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 273
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

For your information.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BC Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 318
TOOWOOMBA Q 4350

For your information.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Levee Bank Applications – B & H Hayward

Application No. 1

Applicant:

Lot 3 on [Redacted] and Lot 1 on [Redacted] Parish of Earle,

Land Description:

Chinchilla

Land Owner:

Freehold, Rural C

Tenure of Land:

Nature of Work:

Construction of a tail water dam.

Purpose of Work:

Storage of water harvested under licence no. 947670 and the collection of tail water required by cotton best management

Permit Required:

Requested to be on-going.

Advertising:

The application was advertised on 14 and 21 September 2000 in accordance with Section 938 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, calling for support or objections for the proposal closing with Council on 13 October 2000.

Application No. 2

Applicant:

Lot 1 on RP [Redacted] Parish of Earle, Chinchilla

Land Description:

Land Owner:

Freehold, Rural C

Tenure of Land:

Nature of Work:

Additional irrigation paddock and tail water return system (Channel).

Purpose of Work:

Collection of tail water and provision of storm water by-wash

Permit Required:

Requested to be on-going.

Advertising:

The application was advertised on 26 October and 2 November 2000 in accordance with Section 938 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, calling for support or objections for the proposal closing with Council on 17 November 2000.
7. That the applicant be advised that the off-take channel and use of any waters from Cooranga Creek are not covered by Council approval and must be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources.

8. The applicant is advised that the draft Condamine-Balonne Water Allocation & Management Plan which was released by the Queensland Government on the 14 June 2008 has indicated that new storage and diversion works including extensions and increase in diversion rates, based on overland flow, will have a lower priority in receiving a water share. Works not started before this date are at risk of not being recognised and therefore you may not be allowed to capture water in the event that the State Government feels it is necessary to exercise controls. Accordingly, it would be unwise to proceed with further development at this time. If you have any concerns about your situation you should contact the Department of Natural Resources in Toowoomba on [redacted]...

9. The Department of Natural Resources formal advice that the projects are not required to be licensed under the Water Act shall be obtained prior to commencement of construction.
23 October 2000

“Warra Warra”
WARRA Q 4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your recent application for a Levee Bank Permit to construct an off stream water harvesting reservoir and tailwater collection system on land described as Lot 3 on RP 32842, Parish of Earle.

I wish to advise that Council considered a report on the application at the general meeting held on 19 October 2000 with the result that Council was not in a position to make a decision due to the following:-

1. Council personnel had not inspected the proposal.
2. Details on the water harvesting licence from Cooranga Creek was not supplied.
3. Construction of the works had commenced and was nearing completion prior to approval.
4. From the 14 June 2000 there was no guarantee of water allocation due to the Draft WAMP.

Therefore, for Council to further consider same, an inspection will be required and details of water license’s held be presented under the Department of Natural Resources letterhead.

Mr                will make arrangements for an inspection.

Yours faithfully,

BC

Sudholz Pty Ltd
PO Box 883
GOONDIWINDI Q 4390

BC engineer

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For your information.

For your attention.

............................

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Levee Bank Application

Applicant: [Redacted]

Land Description: Lot 3 on [Redacted] and Lot 1 on [Redacted] Parish of Earle, Chinchilla

Land Owner: [Redacted]

Tenure of Land: Freehold, Rural C

Nature of Work: Construction of a tail water dam.

Purpose of Work: Storage of collection

Permit Required: Requested

Advertising: The applicant is in accordance with the Act 1993, closing with 2000 in

Support or Objections:

Council is receipt of neither support or objection.

Details of the Application

The application is made in order to seek an approval (License No. G47670) at the property of 'Beltane Corner.'

The additional reservoir is to have a capacity of channel and an amendment to the tail water return height of 5 metres consisting of clay cores and interior be 50%. The off-take structure will be constructed and will involve a cut from the base of the creek to the

The existing approval as listed above includes various head ditches and pads to the north of Wintons Road, but does not include provision for the additional earthen dam, as detailed in the top left of the plan of existing proposal (adjacent to Cooranga Creek) as a small tail water dam. The applicant advises they have a letter from the previous owner indicating the intent to constructing a dam in this location dating back some 12 years, Council has no record of such an intention (a copy of the original approval is attached).

In support of the change to the license the applicant advises the following:

"After considerable investigation and communication with the previous Engineers and Water Resources, it appears that the reservoir may have been left off the original application due the fact the head ditches along Wintons Road and the existing raised paddock ditch intervened in the overland flow patterns thereby removing any effect the Reservoir has on diversion of water. An on-site investigation and scrutiny of the levels confirm this. As the opposing creek bank is considerably
higher than the Reservoir wall and much higher than any recorded flood height, there will be no effect on flood patterns".

The report also advises that the tail water return will hold approximately 32 megalitres, with the majority of this capacity coming from the excavation of the sump adjacent to the pump site which there designers believe to be far in excess of the requirements of the Best Management Practises. Further they advise that the 100m by-wash will accommodate a 1 in 10 year ARI (Average Recurrence Interval).

During the original application circa 1988 the Queensland Water Resources Commission advised that floodwater of approximately 150 - 200 cumecs flows in the Condamine River in times of flood which did in fact cross the property of 'Beltana'.

Regardless of the above information the reservoir is currently being constructed by the applicant and is to be completed in the near future.

With respect to the nearing completion of works currently being carried out, Council advised the previous landowner Mr J. [redacted] on the 31 January 1991 of the following: "It is noted that the work applied for has already been constructed and if a breach of this nature was to occur in the future then Council will not hesitate to prosecute the offender in accordance with the provisions of Councils by-law and the Local Government Act."

Consultation:

The following are items Council may wish to discuss with the owner on site during the meeting held 25 October 2000.

1. The size difference between the original tailwater dam and the proposed eathern ring tank

2. The placement of the structure with respect to flows in both the Condamine and Cooranga Creek system, and advice from the Department of Natural Resources on whether the structure would impede flood flows in this location

3. Details on the water harvesting license from Cooranga Creek as this was not part of the original application

4. The fact that the adjoining Lot 1 RP 18233 was not advertised, as this lot did not form either part of the original approval or the recent application as shown on the application form

5. Council lack of ability to approve the structures on Lot 1 RP 18233 as an amendment as requested as it is on a separate allotment

6. Council makes no judgement as to whether the proposal has 'started' relative to DNR's Moratorium Notice

7. No guarantee of water supply as from 14 June as this is a DNR matter
APPENDIX A

Site Locations
APPENDIX B

Farm Layout Plan - Extract of the original approval
APPENDIX C

Moratorium Notice Water Act 2000
Moratorium Notice

Water Act 2000

Draft Water Resource (Condamine-Balonne Basin) Plan

1. This is a moratorium notice under section 42 of the Water Act 2000 for the draft Water Resource (Condamine-Balonne Basin) Plan ("draft plan") previously referred to as the draft Water Allocation and Management Plan (Condamine-Balonne Basin).

2. This Notice has effect on 20 September 2000.

3. Breach of this Notice is an offence under the Water Act 2000.

4. This Notice-
   a) applies to the following water-
      i) water in each watercourse, lake or spring in the proposed plan area;
      ii) water collected in each weir and dam constructed across a watercourse, lake or spring in the proposed plan area; and
      iii) overland flow water in all parts of the proposed plan area.
   b) applies to all applications whether made before or after publication of this Notice; and
   c) applies to works that would increase the taking of, or interfering with, the water, whether or not the works are authorised.

5. The proposed plan area for the draft plan is identified in the map below.

6. In this Notice-
   a) an “entitlement to water” means an interim water allocation, a water licence or water permit under the Water Act 2000, a licence, permit or other authorisation under the Water Resources Act 1989; and
   b) “works” means works for the taking, or interfering with the flow, of water including, for example, dams, weirs, ring tanks, excavations, diversion channels, levee banks and diversion facilities such as pumps and embankments.

7. An application for or about an entitlement to water will be accepted but not dealt with while this Notice has effect if the granting of the application would have one or more of the following effects on the water referred to in section 4 of this Notice-
   a) increase the amount of the water taken or interfered with; or
   b) change the location from which the water may be taken, or interfered with; or
   c) increase the maximum flow rate for taking, or interfering with, the water; or
   d) change the flow conditions under which the water may be taken.

8. The acceptance of an application does not infer that the applicant will be granted, or have priority for the granting of, a new or amended entitlement to water.

9. Section 7 of this notice does not apply to an application-
   a) for a permit under sections 56 or 57 of the Water Resources Act 1989;
   b) for a water permit under section 237 of the Water Act 2000;
c) to renew an entitlement to water under section 46 of the Water Resources Act 1989 or under section 220 of the Water Act 2000;
d) to transfer an entitlement to water to another owner of the land to which the entitlement to water refers under section 47 of the Water Resources Act 1989 or under section 222 of the Water Act 2000;
e) to transfer an interim water allocation by an interim resource operations licence holder under section 191 of the Water Act 2000;
f) to reinstate an expired water licence under section 221 of the Water Act 2000;
g) to replace a water licence under section 229 of the Water Act 2000;
h) for an interim resource operations licence under section 168 of the Water Act 2000;
i) for up to 300ML of high priority water from the raised Loudoun Weir for Dalby’s town water supply; or
j) for up to 300ML of mean annual diversion from Kings Creek for Clifton Shire’s town water supply.

10. For works that would increase the taking of, or interfering with, water to which this Notice applies-
   a) new works must not be started;
   b) completed works in existence must not be raised, enlarged or deepened; and
   c) works that have been started that include a barrier, embankment or other structure whether permanent or temporary that does or could or would impound water must only be completed to the extent that the maximum height of the works does not exceed 5 metres.

11. Works will be considered to have been started if, on the date this Notice comes into effect-
   a) construction of the works has physically commenced or if construction has not physically commenced, a contract has been entered into for the imminent commencement of the construction, and
   b) an independently verifiable construction program exists for progressive construction towards completion of the works; and
   c) detailed design plans exist showing, among other things, the extent of the works; and
   d) if a permit under the Local Government Act 1993, section 940, is required for the works - the permit has been issued; and
   e) if a development permit is required for the works – the permit has been given.

12. Section 10 of this notice does not apply to works relating to-
   a) permits issued under sections 56 or 57 of the Water Resources Act 1989;
   b) water permits issued under section 237 of the Water Act 2000;
   c) the taking of water authorised under sections 20(2), 20(3), 20(4) or 20(5) of the Water Act 2000; or
d) the taking of, or interfering with water authorised under the exemptions in sections 9 (i) and 9 (j) of this Notice.

13. Section 10 (c) of this notice does not apply to works for which a licence has been issued under s43 of the Water Resources Act 1989.

For further information on this Notice, contact Mr Steve Goudie at the Department of Natural Resources, Toowoomba on (07) 46881159.
APPENDIX D

Original Application Lodged

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land

in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant: ____________________________

(2) Postal Address: WARRA, WARRA, Q.

(3) Location of work (see also 10). Country: EARE. Parish: LYTTON.

(4) Real Property Description: ____________________________

Area: ____________________________

(5) Nature of Works: OFF STREAM WATER HARVESTING, RESERVOIR AND TAILWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM.

(6) Purpose of Work: STORAGE OF WATER HARVESTED UNDER LICENSE NO. 75767.

(5) Purpose of Work: AND THE COLLECTION OF TAILWATER REQUIRED BY UTON BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank):

(a) Total length of levee bank: 344.918. TOTAL LENGTH: 2432m 1386.381.

(b) Maximum height: 4.0 metres

(c) Width of top: 5.0 metres

(d) Width of base: 4.0 metres

(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed: CORE - SELECTED EARTH MATERIAL (COMBINED)

OUTER ZONES - SELECTED EARTH MATERIAL

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much? OPPosite BANK HIGHER... 1.72 m

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level: 

KNOwn FLECl HEIGHT: 313.8... TBE: 315.0 = 4.2 METRES ABOVE LEVEL

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation) - TAIL RETURN SYSTEM

(a) Total length: 344.918.132 m

(b) Maximum depth: 3.0 m

(c) Width of top: 3.0 m

(d) Width at base: 2.94 m

(e) State nature of soil at site: BLACK CLAY

(1) If the applicant is purchasing the subject land, but the transfer documents have not yet been lodged for registration, he/she should ask the solicitor handling the sale to contact the Council and advise of the present position of the transaction.

(2) In terms of the Local Government Act 1936-1988, applications for permits are required to be advertised in accordance with the Council’s By-laws and even if no objections are received, or any objections are received and dismissed, there is no guarantee that the permit applied for will be granted.

(3) The applicant is warned against taking any action to construct any work until a permit from the Council has been received.

(4) All questions in relation to this application must be answered fully as failure to do so will lead to correspondence with consequent delay in dealing with the application.

(5) **Applicants agree to pay the following fees:-**

- **a)** Application fee for works less than $2000 in cost including advertising. $117

- **b)** Application fee for works in excess of $2000 in cost including advertising. $500

- **c)** Projects that require Engineering Consultants Reports which will include (b) above. Consultant Fees

Date: **11/01/20** Signature of Applicant: **...**

Page 3 of 3
The Chief Executive Officer,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
Chinchilla, Q, 4413

Monday, 11 September 2000

RE: LEVEE BANK APPLICATION – [REDACTED] BILTANA

Dear [REDACTED]

As previously discussed, Sudholz Pty Ltd is acting on the behalf of [REDACTED] for the amendment of the standing Section 47 approval for the continuing development of the property “Beltana” by the construction of a reservoir on the north western corner of Beltana.

The standing approval relates to various head ditches and pads to the north of Wintons Road. These structures remain unchanged. As the intention was always to build a reservoir, and the issues of diversion of water have already been approved under the existing approval, it our intention to seek an amendment of the approval rather than undertake a new approval procedure.

[REDACTED] is in possession of letters from the previous owner indicating the intent of construction and our office has been dealing with the design of this farm and the reservoir for approximately 12 years.

Construction was commenced in early July, however a number of factors dictated that the machines be transferred to another property for completion of another reservoir. Upon the announcement of the intended moratorium of development, Mr. [REDACTED] gained advice from the Department of Natural Resources that the development fulfilled the five criteria needed to complete the development. Construction was to commence early this month.

However, upon close scrutiny of the existing Section 47 application I became concerned by the ambiguity of the approval in relation to the reservoir. While the approval states a reservoir is included, no reservoir was drawn on the map submitted for approval.

After considerable investigation and communication with the previous engineers and the Water Resources, it appears that the reservoir may have been left off the original application due the fact the Head Ditches along Wintons Road and the existing raised paddock ditch intervened in the overland flow patterns thereby removing any effect the Reservoir has on diversion of water. An on-site investigation and scrutiny of the levels confirms this. As the opposing creek bank is considerably higher than the Reservoir wall and much higher than any recorded flood height, there will be no effect on flood patterns.
NOTES TO ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION FOR A LEVEE BANK PERMIT – BELTANA

This report is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying sketch regarding the proposed reservoir development on Beltana.

It must be noted that only the reservoir is to be covered under this application. The existing Section 47 application covers the existing Head Ditches and module pads.

This application covers the construction of a 600mL compacted earthen reservoir, creek off take channel and the amendment of a tail water return system on “Beltana” Channel. The tail water system will conform to the Cotton Industries Best Management Practices.

There are no directly affected landholders, however the adjacent landholder across the creek, [Redacted] was contacted late June prior to commencement of construction (see accompanying letter). [Redacted] had no objections to the proposal.

Details of Structures and effects on flood flow

1. Reservoir

The Reservoir is built to conserve water from existing licence G47670. The wall will have the maximum height of 5 metres. The core will consist of compacted selected clay material. A Caterpillar 825C compactor will be used entirely on the core in conjunction with no more than 3 elevating scrapers and 2 open bowl scrapers. Internal batters will be 20%, external batters 50%. 150 mm of stripping will be placed in the outer zones of the wall. A 600 mm cut off trench will be dug and then backfilled and compacted to form the basis of the core.

Preliminary slit trenches and evidence gleaned from construction in adjacent areas indicate that the soil is extremely suitable for construction purposes. Should areas of sand be encountered in the borrow pits, these will be backfilled and rolled.

2. Off take

An off take will be constructed from the creek to service a 750 mm pump. A berm will be placed on one side of the off take. The off take will be cut from base of creek to the pump at a grade of 0.03%.
CROSS SECTION A - RES WALL

CROSS SECTION C - CREEK OFFTAKE

CROSS SECTION B - TAIL WATER RETURN

CROSS SECTION D - TAIL WATER RETURN
APPENDIX E

Plans received 24/10/2000
Tuesday, 24 October 2000

Chinchilla Shire Council,
Chinchilla, Q.

Dear [REDACTED],

RE: DESIGN DRAWINGS

Enclosed are copies of design drawings for the installation of the by wash and tail water return blow out structure for the development at "Beltana".

I apologise for the delay in sending these documents.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
Excess Tail Water Drain point
APPENDIX F

Council Letter to Applicant following October meeting
23 October 2000

“Warra Warra”
WARRA Q 4411

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your recent application for a Levee Bank Permit to construct an off stream water harvesting reservoir and tailwater collection system on land described as Lot 3 on RP 32842, Parish of Earle.

I wish to advise that Council considered a report on the application at the general meeting held on 19 October 2000 with the result that Council was not in a position to make a decision due to the following:-

1. Council personnel had not inspected the proposal.
2. Details on the water harvesting licence from Cooranga Creek was not supplied.
3. Construction of the works had commenced and was nearing completion prior to approval.
4. From the 14 June 2000 there was no guarantee of water allocation due to the Draft WAMP.

Therefore, for Council to further consider same, an inspection will be required and details of water license’s held be presented under the Department of Natural Resources letterhead.

[Name will make arrangements for an inspection.

Yours faithfully,

BC Engineer

[Name]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For your information.

[Name]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Levee Bank Application – B Hayward

Applicant: 

Land Description: Lot 3 on [Redacted] and Lot 1 on [Redacted] Parish of Earle, Chinchilla

Land Owner: [Redacted]

Tenure of Land: Freehold, Rural C

Nature of Work: Construction of a tail water dam.

Purpose of Work: Storage of water harvested under licence no. 947670 and the collection of tail water required by cotton best management

Permit Required: Requested to be on-going.

Advertising: The application was advertised on 14 and 21 September 2000 in accordance with Section 938 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, calling for support or objections for the proposal closing with Council on 13 October 2000.

Support or Objections:

Council is receipt of neither support or objection to this proposal

Details of the Application

The application is made in order to seek an amendment to their existing section 47 approval (License No. G47670) at the property of 'Beltana' to incorporate a reservoir in the north western corner.

The additional reservoir is to have a capacity of 600 ML and is to incorporate a creek take off channel and an amendment to the tail water return system. The dam will have walls to a maximum height of 5 metres consisting of clay cores and internal batters 20% whilst the external batters are to be 50%. The off-take structure will be constructed from the creek to service a 750mm pump and will involve a cut from the base of the creek to the pump at a grade of 0.03%.

The existing approval as listed above includes various head ditches and pads to the north of Wintons Road, but does not include provision for the additional earthen dam, as detailed in the top left of the plan of existing proposal (adjacent to Cooranga Creek) as a small tail water dam. The applicant advises they have a letter from the previous owner indicating the intent to constructing a dam in this location dating back some 12 years, Council has no record of such an intention (a copy of the original approval is attached).

In support of the change to the license the applicant advises the following:
"After considerable investigation and communication with the previous Engineers and Water Resources, it appears that the reservoir may have been left off the original application due the fact the head ditches along Wintons Road and the existing raised paddock ditch intervened in the overland flow patterns thereby removing any effect the Reservoir has on diversion of water. An on-site investigation and scrutiny of the levels confirm this. As the opposing creek bank is considerably
has indicated that new storage and diversion works including extensions and increase in
diversion rates, based on overland flow, will have a lower priority in receiving a water share.
Works not started before this date are at risk of not being recognised and therefore you may
not be allowed to capture water in the event that the State Government feels it is necessary
to exercise controls. Accordingly, it would be unwise to proceed with further development
at this time. If you have any concerns about your situation you should contact the
Department of Natural Resources in Toowoomba on.

8. The Department of Natural Resources formal advice that the projects are not required to be
licensed under the Water Act shall be obtained prior to commencement of construction.

NOT IMPRESSED WITH TIMING OF APPLICATION.

ON SITE MEETING.
“WARRA WARRA”
WARRA 4411
Phone

Council of Chinchilla Shire
Civic Centre 80-86 Heeney Street
Chinchilla Qld 4413
September 18, 2000

Attn:

Please find enclosed a cheque to accompany Levy Bank Application for

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Stamp: REC'D CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL 25 SEP 2000 FILE No.97/9600]

[Stamp: CHEQUE NO 83339 22/9/00]
TO: CHINCILLA SHIRE COUNCIL  
ATTENTION:  
FROM:  
RE: BELTANA  
DATE: 110900  
TIME: 6.00PM

Here are the details regarding the Section 47 application. The job is exactly 2.38 km from the Condamine River; hence the Chinchilla Shire Council is able to deal with the application without referral to Water Resources.

If required I am available for a deputation to a Shire Council meeting.

Should further details be required, do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheers,

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant: 

(2) Postal Address: WARRA, WARRA, WARRA, Q.

(3) Location of work (see also 10) Country: EARLE Parish: LYTTON

Real Property Description: 

Area: 

(4) Nature of Works: OFF STREAM WATER HARVESTING, RESERVOIR AND TAILWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM.

(5) Purpose of Work: STORAGE OF WATER HARVESTED UNDER LICENSE NO. 9474/0 AND THE COLLECTION OF TAILWATER REQUIRED BY LATORY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank) -

(a) Total length of levee bank 324.918 RED WAll metres TOTAL BANK LENGTH = 247.32m 18.86-381

(b) Maximum height 6.0 metres

(c) Width of top 5.0 metres

(d) Width of base 4.0m - 6.0m

(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed - OUTER ZONE: SELECTED EARTH MATERIAL (COMPACTED)

OUTER ZONE: SELECTED EARTH MATERIAL (COMPACTED)

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much? OPPOSITE BANK HIGHER BY 1.3 m

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level

Known Flood Height = 3.33 k PS L = 3.18 0 = 47.00 below bank level

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation) - TAIL RETURN SYSTEM

(a) Total length 217.624 metres

(b) Maximum depth 3.0 m 3.5 m

(c) Width of top 3.0 m

(d) Width at base 3.0 m

(e) State nature of soil at site: CORKING BLACK CLAY
(8) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work - *COMPACTION OF* 
RESERVOIR CORE USING COMPACTION EQUIPMENT.

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(9) Period for which permit is required.

(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10 000 showing position of streams (if any), direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.

(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the required application fee.

Date 11.09.09........................................  Signature of Applicant

(1) If the applicant is purchasing the subject land, but the transfer documents have not yet been lodged for registration, he/she should ask the solicitor handling the sale to contact the Council and advise of the present position of the transaction.

(2) In terms of the Local Government Act 1936-1988, applications for permits are required to be advertised in accordance with the Council’s By-laws and even if no objections are received, or any objections are received and dismissed, there is no guarantee that the permit applied for will be granted.

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Date: **11/09/00**

Signature of Applicant: [Redacted]
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

LODGEMENT OF A
LEVEE BANK APPLICATION FORM

☐ Written Report attached
☐ Site Plan (1:10,000) including distances relating to allotment boundaries
☐ Topographic plan including overland flow paths and contour data
☐ Evidence of notification of affected landowners
☐ Application form for lodgement of Levee Bank Application
☐ Details of area and type of irrigation proposed
☐ Detailed design of any structures
  (Cross-Sectional details of structures or irrigation
  proposal-head ditches, tail or recycle drains)

It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the above information is submitted with the application so that the Council can consider the application. Council also reserves the right to request additional information should the application submitted require further information.

Signature of the Applicant

Applicant’s Name (first name should be included)

Applicant’s Contact Number:

Consultant’s Name

Consultant’s Contact Address

Consultant’s Contact Number

Council Information Only
☐ Payment Received

Date of Lodgement

Name of Officer
The Chief Executive Officer,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
Chinchilla, Q. 4413

Monday, 11 September 2000

RE: LEVEE BANK APPLICATION – Mr. BRIAN HAYWARD BELTANA

Dear [Name],

As previously discussed, Sudholz Pty Ltd is acting on the behalf of [Name] for the amendment of the standing Section 47 approval for the continuing development of the property “Beltana” by the construction of a reservoir on the north western corner of Beltana.

The standing approval relates to various head ditches and pads to the north of Wintons Road. These structures remain unchanged. As the intention was always to build a reservoir, and the issues of diversion of water have already been approved under the existing approval, it is our intention to seek an amendment of the approval rather than undertake a new approval procedure.

[Name] is in possession of letters from the previous owner indicating the intent of construction and our office has been dealing with the design of this farm and the reservoir for approximately 12 years.

Construction was commenced in early July, however a number of factors dictated that the machines be transferred to another property for completion of another reservoir. Upon the announcement of the intended moratorium of development, Mr. [Name] gained advice from the Department of Natural Resources that the development fulfilled the five criteria needed to complete the development. Construction was to commence early this month.

However, upon close scrutiny of the existing Section 47 application I became concerned by the ambiguity of the approval in relation to the reservoir. While the approval states a reservoir is included, no reservoir was drawn on the map submitted for approval.

After considerable investigation and communication with the previous engineers and the Water Resources, it appears that the reservoir may have been left off the original application due to the fact the Head Ditches along Wintons Road and the existing raised paddock ditch intervened in the overland flow patterns thereby removing any effect the Reservoir has on diversion of water. An on-site investigation and scrutiny of the levels confirms this. As the opposing creek bank is considerably higher than the Reservoir wall and much higher than any recorded flood height, there will be no effect on flood patterns.
A complete Section 47 application has been completed for the addition of the Reservoir and an amendment of the Tail Water Return system. It is important to note that we would regard this as an amendment rather than undertake a new approval. As there are no affected landholders, the application may not need to be advertised.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
NOTES TO ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION FOR A LEVEE BANK PERMIT – BELTANA

This report is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying sketch regarding the proposed reservoir development on Beltana.

**It must be noted that only the reservoir is to be covered under this application. The existing Section 47 application covers the existing Head Ditches and module pads.**

This application covers the construction of a 600mL compacted earthen reservoir, creek off take channel and the amendment of a tail water return system on "Beltana" [redacted]. The tail water system will conform to the Cotton Industries Best Management Practices.

There are no directly affected landholders, however the adjacent landholder across the creek, [redacted], was contacted late June prior to commencement of construction (see accompanying letter). [redacted] had no objections to the proposal.

**Details of Structures and effects on flood flow**

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The Reservoir is built to conserve water from existing licence G47670. The wall will have the maximum height of 5 metres. The core will consist of compacted selected clay material. A Caterpillar 825C compactor will be used entirely on the core in conjunction with no more than 3 elevating scrapers and 2 open bowl scrapers. Internal batters will be 20%, external batters 50%. 150 mm of stripping will be placed in the outer zones of the wall. A 600 mm cut off trench will be dug and then backfilled and compacted to form the basis of the core.

Preliminary slit trenches and evidence gleaned from construction in adjacent areas indicate that the soil is extremely suitable for construction purposes. Should areas of sand be encountered in the borrow pits, these will be backfilled and rolled.

2. **Off take**

An off take will be constructed from the creek to service a 750 mm pump. A berm will be placed on one side of the off take. The off take will be cut from base of creek to the pump at a grade of 0.03%.
3. Tail Water Return

The tail Water Return will hold approximately 32 megalitres. This is far in excess of the requirements under the Best Management Practices. The majority of capacity will come from the excavation of a sump adjacent to the pump site. The size of the sump was determined by the amount of material required to construct the adjacent reservoir bank.

A drop structure will be placed between the channel and sump. There will be no flooding of cropping ground. When the tail water system is full or velocity of water is too great for the drop structure, a by wash is situated in an existing natural gully. A road is included in the tail drain system. The road has a constant RL however is 6 metres below the Reservoir TBL.

The existing gully is well grassed and will be maintained by property management. The grass will provide a filtration system for removal of contaminants. The road that forms the surface of the by wash will also be maintained regularly by property management. A cross section of the by wash is also included. This by wash will not handle massive flood flows that will enter the property through Wintons Road. The by wash will need to be re-established post flood event. All waters entering the by wash do so within property boundaries.

Additional Information

There will be no impacts upon flood flows, heights and velocities. The approved structures under the existing Section 47 approval are above maximum-recorded flood height and structures have been placed to mitigate the effects of major flows.

The 100 metres by wash will more than accommodate a 1 in 10 ARI. The pump will further increase the ability of the tail water return system to handle such an event.

The reservoir is to feed the existing head ditches and drains on the property. Approval has already been granted for these structures under the existing Section 47 Levee Bank approval.

No structure is within 10 metres of any boundary
TO: CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

ATTENTION: [Redacted]

CC:

FROM: TONY PETERSON

RE: BELTANA

DATE: 11.09.00 TIME: 6.00PM

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NB 12/9/00
The Chief Executive Officer,  
Chinchilla Shire Council,  
Chinchilla, Q. 4413  

Monday, 11 September 2000

RE: LEVEE BANK APPLICATION — BELLANA

Dear [Name],

As previously discussed, Sudholz Pty Ltd is acting on the behalf of [Name] for the amendment of the standing Section 47 approval for the continuing development of the property "Bellana" by the construction of a reservoir on the northwest corner of Bellana.

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT
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Preliminary slit trenches and evidence gleaned from construction in adjacent areas indicate that the soil is extremely suitable for construction purposes. Should areas of sand be encountered in the borrow pits, these will be backfilled and rolled.

2. Off take

An off take will be constructed from the creek to service a 750 mm pump. A berm will be placed on one side of the off take. The off take will be cut from base of creek to the pump at a grade of 0.03%.
3. Tail Water Return

The tail Water Return will hold approximately 32 megalitres. This is far in excess of the requirements under the Best Management Practices. The majority of capacity will come from the excavation of a sump adjacent to the pump site. The size of the sump was determined by the amount of material required to construct the adjacent reservoir bank.

A drop structure will be placed between the channel and sump. There will be no flooding of cropping ground. When the tail water system is full or velocity of water is too great for the drop structure, a by wash is situated in an existing natural gully. A road is included in the tail drain system. The road has a constant RL however is 6 metres below the Reservoir TBL.

The existing gully is well grassed and will be maintained by property management. The grass will provide a filtration system for removal of contaminants. The road that forms the surface of the by wash will also be maintained regularly by property management. A cross section of the by wash is also included. This by wash will not handle massive flood flows that will enter the property through Wintons Road. The by wash will need to be re-established post flood event. All waters entering the by wash do so within property boundaries.

Additional Information

There will be no impacts upon flood flows, heights and velocities. The approved structures under the existing Section 47 approval are above maximum-recorded flood height and structures have been placed to mitigate the effects of major flows.

The 100 metres by wash will more than accommodate a 1 in 10 ARI. The pump will further increase the ability of the tail water return system to handle such an event.

The reservoir is to feed the existing head ditches and drains on the property. Approval has already been granted for these structures under the existing Section 47 Levee Bank approval.

No structure is within 10 metres of any boundary

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

I, ........................................................................................................ of ..........................................................

in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant ......................................................................................

(2) Postal Address ..........................................................................................

(3) Location of work (see also 10) Country ..................................................

Real Property Description ..............................................................................

Area ..............................................................................................................

(4) Nature of Works .........................................................................................

OFF STREAM WATER HARVESTING, RESERVOIR AND TAILWATER

COLLECTION SYSTEM

(5) Purpose of Work ..........................................................................................

STORAGE OF WATER HARVESTED UNDER LICENSE NO. 547670.

AND THE COLLECTION OF TAILWATER REQUIRED BY UPTON BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank)

(a) Total length of levee bank 314.918 metres

(b) Maximum height .............................................. metres

(c) Width of top .............................................. metres

(d) Width of base .............................................. metres

(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed CORE...SELECTED...CLAY...MATERIAL...100%BOUND

OUTER ZONES ...SELECTED...EARTH...MATERIAL...

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much?

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level

KNOWledged HEIGbHT...DI:...TBL:...max...LEVEL

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation) - TAIL RETURN SYSTEM

(a) Total length .............................................. metres

(b) Maximum depth .............................................. metres

(c) Width of top .............................................. metres

(d) Width at base .............................................. metres

(e) State nature of soil at site srAINDEX...BLACK...CLAY
(3) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work - 

(9) Period for which permit is required.

(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10 000 showing position of streams (if any), direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.

(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the required application fee.

Date: 14.9.99

Signature of Applicant: [Redacted]

(1) If the applicant is purchasing the subject land, but the transfer documents have not yet been lodged for registration, he/she should ask the solicitor handling the sale to contact the Council and advise of the present position of the transaction.

(2) In terms of the Local Government Act 1936-1988, applications for permits are required to be advertised in accordance with the Council's By-laws and even if no objections are received, or any objections are received and dismissed, there is no guarantee that the permit applied for will be granted.

(3) The applicant is warned against taking any action to construct any work until a permit from the Council has been received.

(4) All questions in relation to this application must be answered fully as failure to do so will lead to correspondence with consequent delay in dealing with the application.

(5) Applicants agree to pay the follow fees:-

a) Application fee for works less than $2000 in cost including advertising. $117

b) Application fee for works in excess of $2000 in cost including advertising. $500

c) Projects that require Engineering Consultants Reports which will include (b) above. Consultant Fees

Date 11/09/00

Signature of Applicant

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CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

LODGERMENT OF A
LEVEE BANK APPLICATION FORM

☐ Written Report attached
☐ Site Plan (1:10,000) including distances relating to allotment boundaries
☐ Topographic plan including overland flow paths and contour data
☐ Evidence of notification of affected landowners
☐ Application form for lodgement of Levee Bank Application
☐ Details of area and type of irrigation proposed
☐ Detailed design of any structures
   (Cross-Sectional details of structures or irrigation proposal-head ditches, tail or recycle drains)

It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the above information is submitted with the application so that the Council can consider the application. Council also reserves the right to request additional information should the application submitted require further information.

Signature of the Applicant

Applicant’s Name (first name should be included)

Applicant’s Contact Number:

Consultant’s Name

Consultant’s Contact Address

Consultant’s Contact Number

Council Information Only
☑ Payment Received

Date of Lodgement

Name of Officer
# Installation Certificate

This certificate is used to show that the wet areas listed below have been water-proofed using approved Wet-seal Australia products and methods, and has been installed by an Independent Licensee of Wet-seal Australia.

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Passed & approved by your local Independent Licensee for Wet-seal Australia.

Signed: ____________________________

Comments: __________________________________________________________________________

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# Guarantee

- **3 YEAR WORKMANSHIP**

I hereby guarantee work carried out to the above premises, for 3 years from the date hereof against all defects in workmanship. This guarantee shall not cover damage to the work caused by other persons.

Date: _14-4-97_  
Signed: ____________________________
19 June 1997

Pingel Homes
PO Box 104
GATTON QLD 4343

Dear Sir

We wish to advise that the glass used for Stegbar showerscreens supplied and installed at Kogan Road Warra is safety glass and complies with the Australian Safety Standards Association AS 1288-94.

Yours faithfully

BRANCH MANAGER
25th July, 1996

The Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCHILLA QLD 4413

Dear Sir,

Re: Building Permit No 1681

To simplify construction of the suspended slab, we have taken out the step downs to the wet areas and as such, the engineering plans have been changed. Please find enclosed Engineering plan sheets nos 1 and 2 from Creedon Reid & Associates for your information.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

BUILDING MANAGER
PINGEL HOMES
1996 AUSTRALIAN QUALITY BUILDER OF THE YEAR

Encs.
5 July 1996

Baker Johnson
Lawyers
PO Box 2
BURPENGARY 4505

Dear Sir,

Re: Building Compliance Search
Lot 2 [redacted] - Parish of Columba
"Tulagoon" Miltons Road, Chinchilla
Sale of Property - [redacted]

I refer to your request dated the 25 June 1996 for a Building Compliance Search on the above mentioned property. An inspection was carried out and I advise the following.

The site improvements consist of a low set timber framed dwelling on a brick base with a timber floor. The external walls are sheeted with hardiplank and the roof is sheeted with zincalume trimdek. There is also a covered verandah on a brick base with a concrete floor to the eastern side of the dwelling.

In addition, there is a stockyard as well as three (3) detached sheds constructed of timber and steel which are generally used for farm related use and machinery storage.

All site improvements appear to have been carried out for quite some time and Council has no records of improvements requiring Council approval during the past eleven (11) years.

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Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
5th July, 1996

The Chief Executive
Chinchilla Shire Council
P.O. Box 42
CHINCHILLA  Q  4413

Dear Sir,

Re:  Building Compliance Search
Lot 2
"Tulagoo" Milton's Road, Chinchilla
Sale of Property - MJ & SL Kubler to D & BM Richardson

We wish to advise that an inspection relative to the above was carried out on 4th July 1996 as requested by lawyers, Baker Johnson, and the following report is submitted to Council.

The site improvements consist of a seven timber framed dwelling on a brick base with a timber floor. The external walls are sheeted with hardiplank and the roof is sheeted with zincalume trimdek. There is also a covered verandah on a brick base with a concrete floor to the eastern side of the dwelling.

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All site improvements appear to have been carried out for quite some time and Council has no records of improvements requiring Council approval during the past eleven (11) years.

The inspection has revealed that there would be no Council requisitions on the site improvements.

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Yours faithfully,
G.J. BRANDON & ASSOCIATES PTY., LTD.

(Director)
Dear Sir

RE: RICHARDSON & MATTHEWS PURCHASE FROM KUBLER

We are acting for the proposed purchaser under a Contract in respect of which the following are the particulars:

PURCHASER: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]

VENDOR: [Redacted]
Address: PO BOX 42, CHINCHILLA

Description of Land: LOT 2 ON R.P. [Redacted]
Situate at: "TULAGOON" MILTON'S ROAD, CHINCHILLA

County: LYTTON Parish: COLAMBA
Area: 56.62 hectares
Certificate of Title: 16693091
Consideration: $160,000.00

Nature of improvements: DWELLING
Date of sale: 15 July 1996

Would you please advise us of the amount of rates payable for the current period and whether the rates are paid to date. At the same time, please advise us of your Council's unimproved valuation of the land and of any other requirements of your Council.

Has Notice of Resumption or any other Notice been issued by the Council in relation to this land?

Please forward to us your building records information (if applicable); zoning information and information regarding flooding and drainage of the property.

.../2
ANNEXURE

COUNCIL SEARCH

CG:YM:960352B

Kindly also advise as to the following:-

1. Is the subject property affected by any notification from the Department of Defence?

2. Have you received any notice from any other Government Department or any other body indicating a prior adverse use of the site?

Yours faithfully

BAKER JOHNSON

per:
27 June 1996

The Manager
Atlas House Removals
Lot 6
Pearson Road
Yatala Q 4207

Attention: [Redacted]

Dear Sir,

I refer to our telephone conversation of today's date and wish to confirm that Council has no objection to the removal of a house from the property "Warra Warra" in the Chinchilla Shire to Brisbane.

Council does not require a building application for this removal, however the Brisbane City Council may.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
16 January 1996

Carvosso & Winship
Solicitors
PO Box 527
DALBY 4405

Dear Sir,

Re: Building Compliance Search
Lot 1 [Redacted] - Parish of Earle
Sale of Property - Hayward Pty Ltd to [Redacted]

I refer to your request dated the 22 December 1995 for a Building Compliance Search on the above mentioned property. An inspection was carried out and I advise the following.

Cottage
This site improvement consists of a low set dwelling of timber construction situated on timber stumps approximately 600 mm above ground. The walls are sheeted with chamfer boards and the roof is sheeted with corrugated iron.

A detached building containing a laundry facility and carport is located to the rear of the cottage. This is of timber construction and corrugated iron sheeting to both the walls and roof.

Homestead
This site improvements consists of a high set dwelling of timber construction situated on timber stumps approximately 1800 mm above ground. The walls to the upper level are sheeted with chamfer boards and the roof is sheeted with corrugated iron. The lower level is mainly used for storage of miscellaneous items. There is a verandah which runs around the perimeter of the house on three sides.

This homestead is very old and is badly deteriorated. It is unoccupied at the present and it appears to have been unoccupied for quite some time.

Dwelling
This site improvement consists of a low set dwelling of timber construction situated on timber stumps approximately 450 mm above ground. The walls are sheeted with weatherboards and the roof is sheeted with corrugated iron.
The dwelling has an open patio to the north eastern side which has a concrete slab and corrugated iron roof.

There is also a detached shed with a coldroom to the rear of this building which is constructed of timber and sheeted with colorbond sheeting to both walls and roof.

In addition there are a number of larger timber and steel constructed farm sheds, animal pens, stockyards and ringtank etc used generally for farm related use and machinery storage.

Site improvements have been carried out for quite some time and Council has no records of improvements requiring Council approval during the past twelve (12) years.

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Yours faithfully,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
12th January, 1996

The Chief Executive
Chinchilla Shire Council
P.O. Box 42
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir,

Re: Building Compliance Search
"Warra Warra"
Lot Parish of Earle
Hayward Pty Ltd Sale to

We wish to advise that an inspection was carried out on Friday 12th January 1996 relative to the above as requested by Solicitors, Carvosso & Winship and the following report is submitted to Council.

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Building Compliance Search
"Warra Warra"
Lot 1 Parish of Earle
Hayward Pty Ltd Sale to ___________ (Cont’d)

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Yours faithfully,
G.J. BRANDON & ASSOCIATES PTY. LTD.

(Director)
20th December, 1995.

The Chief Executive Officer,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
Heeney Street,
CHINCHILLA. Q. 4413.

Dear Sir,

re: HAYWARD PTY. LTD. SALE TO

PROPERTY AT:  "Warra Warra",
WARRA. Q. 4411.

We refer to the above matter and to the above property and we would be pleased if you would conduct a Building Inspection of the buildings erected upon the abovementioned property.

We enclose herewith our Office Account Cheque in the sum of $94.50 being your Building Inspection fee.

We look forward to receipt of the outcome of the inspection in due course.

Yours faithfully,

[Handwritten signature]
The Chief Executive Officer,  
Chinchilla Shire Council,  
Heeney Street,  
CHINCILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir,

RE: HAYWARD PTY. LTD. SALE TO "WARRA WARRA" PROPERTY WARRA

We refer to this morning's telephone conversation and attach our Office Account Cheque for $60.50 on account short-paid fees.

Would you please send to us a list of new applicable Search fees.

Yours faithfully,

CARVOSSO & WINSHIP
The Chief Executive Officer,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
Keeley Street,
CHINCHEL LA. Q. 4413.

Dear Sir,

re: MAYWARD PTY. LTD. SALE TO

PROPERTY AT: "Werra Werra",
WARRE. Q. 4411.

We refer to the above matter and to the above property and we would be pleased if you would conduct a Building Inspection of the buildings erected upon the aforementioned property.

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Yours faithfully,
CARVOSO AND WINSHIP

[Handwritten note]

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95/12190

20th December, 1995.

The Chief Executive Officer,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
Heeney Street,
CHINCILLA, Q. 4413.

Dear Sir,

re: MAYWARD PTY. LTD. SALE TO

PROPERTY AT: "Warra Warra",
WARRA, Q. 4411.

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We enclose herewith our Office Account Cheque in the sum of $94.50 being your Building Inspection fee.

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Yours faithfully,
CARVOSSO & WINSHIP
The (Name) Executive Officer,
Coffs Harbour Shire Council,
Esplanade Drive,
Coffs Harbour, NSW, 2450.

Dear Officer,

For: 

PROPERTY NO: "MAYWA HOUSE",
MAHA, NSW.

We refer to the above matter and to the above property and we hope
you would conduct a Building Inspection of the building and
upon the information received.

We enclose herewith our Office Assessment Charge in the sum of $50.00
Covering the Building Inspection Fee.

We look forward to receipt of the outcome of the inspection in
the near future.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

[Signature]
22 December, 1995

Carvosso & Winship
Solicitors
PO Box 527
DALBY 4405

Dear Sir,

Re: Hayward Pty Ltd to [Redacted]

I refer to your request dated 20 December, 1995, in respect of the above and land described as Lot 1 on [Redacted] Parish of Earle and wish to advise details from Council’s records as listed below:

a) Rates for half-year 1 July, 1995 to 31 December, 1995:

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b) Rates are paid to 31 December, 1995.

c) Unimproved Capital Value $157500.

d) Zoned as Rural A.

e) The property is currently in the name of Hayward Pty Ltd.

f) Town water and sewerage are not available to this property.

ɡ) Access road has a bitumen surface and is an all weather road.

h) Some areas of this property may be subject to flooding.
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Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
The Chief Executive Officer,  
Chinchilla Shire Council,  
Heeney Street,  
CHINCILLA. Q. 4413.  

Dear Sir,  

re: Transfer - HAYWARD PTY. LTD. ACN 009 719 251  

To -  

Land situated at No. "WARRA WARRA" Street, WARRA  

described as: LOT 1 ON CROWN PLAN COUNTY OF LYTON PARISH OF EARLE REFERENCE NO. 12990097  

We are acting for the Purchaser in connection with the above Transfer and request the following information in regard to the above land. We enclose our Office Account Cheque in the sum of $30.00 on account of search fees herein.  

Vendor  
Purchaser  
Council Assessment  
Property Description  
Current Rates  
Rate Arrears  
Date Paid To  
Discount Allowed  
Unimproved Value  
Other Charges on the Land  
Other  

Yours Faithfully,
26th March, 1990.

The Shire Clerk,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
P.O. Box 42,
CHINCILLA, QLD. 4413.

Dear Sir,

RE: LEVEE BANK APPLICATION

Council wishes to advise that it raises no objection to Levee Bank on Portion 1, 2 and 3 Parish of Earle.

It is suggested that the Head Ditch on the western side of the Boundary section of the Warra-Kogan Road, be formed to allow water to outlet away from the road culverts (2 of).

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

SHIRE CLERK
However it will be necessary to have licensed those diversion channels associated with waterharvesting pumps and referred to on the abovementioned plan as "Channels 1 and 2".

It is considered that none of the proposed head ditches or drains can be defined as levee banks within the definition described in the Water Resources Act 1989. This Office holds aerial photographs 53 and 54 of Run 3 of Series QP4222 taken during flooding in 1983. These photographs are pertinent to Hayward's property and can be made available to your Council if you so require.

If you have any further queries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact the Officer whose name appears at the head of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

ATTENDANCE: Crs. I H Middleton (Chairman),

Officers in Attendance: [Name] (Shire Clerk), [Name] (Deputy Shire Clerk) [Name] (Technical Supervisor) and [Name] (Health Surveyor).

OPENING PRAYER

The Chairman opened the meeting with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Leave of Absence

1. Moved Cr. Vellnagel seconded Cr. Wolski that leave of absence be granted to Cr. McCutcheon. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2. Moved Cr. Green seconded Cr. Nousala that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Council held on 25 January, 1990 be confirmed as read. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING

Page 3 - Levee Bank License - Hayward (l/11/11)

Crs. Middleton, [Name] and the Technical Supervisor reported on a meeting held with [Name] and [Name], Agricultural Design Engineer for the project.

The Technical Supervisor reported on pumping proposals, road crossings, floodways etc. and advised that further levels will be provided for Council.

3. Moved Cr. Vellnagel Seconded Cr. Green that Council write to Wambo Shire advising them of details of the project and notifying them that a head ditch is planned along the Warra-Kogan Road which is the boundary of Chinchilla and Wambo Shires and that Council also write to Main Roads Department advising of the head ditch on Warra-Kogan Road and request their requirements in relation to the Head ditch.
2 February, 1990

Chairman & Councillors,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
CHINCHILLA. Q. 4413

Dear Sirs,

Matters for discussion by the Committee include:-

1. License application for Levee Banks etc. by Hayward Pty Ltd over Portions 1, 2 & 3, Parish of Earle, County of Lytton.

The application was duly advertised and no objections were received.

A report from the Queensland Water Resources Commission will be on hand by meeting day and the Main Roads Department has advised that they have no requirements in relation to the application.

Yours faithfully,

(Shire Clerk)

Presented to the Levee Banks Committee Meeting held on 8 February 1990.
4. Moved Cr. Green seconded Cr. Riemers that Council write to the Rural Lands Protection Board requesting that a standard coloured marker be set for identifying parthenium plant outbreak areas.

CARRIED.

Page 15 - Parthenium - [Redacted] (7/12/4)

It is reported that [Redacted] has recently had 40 acres aerial sprayed for parthenium. The Acting Stock Routes Supervisor is monitoring the situation.

The Shire Clerk reported that a number of plant sitings have been reported over the holidays. These sitings will be monitored.

Page 16 - Grid - Chinchilla/Wondai Road (5/9/5)

Reported that correspondence on this matter indicates that the required work on this grid is the responsibility of the Main Roads Department and the Rural Lands Protection Board on a 50% each basis.

Page 17 - Levee Bank License - [Redacted] (1/11/11)

Reported that the date for the closing of objections was 28 December, with none being received. The Main Roads Department has verbally advised that there are no problems with the ring tank and no reply has yet been received from the Water Resources Commission.

It is hoped to consider the application at the February Committee Meeting.

Page 18 - Illegal Levee Bank (1/11/11)

Reported that Koehler Bros have advised Council that the levee bank was constructed to stop soil erosion until grasses established. This was suggested by [Redacted] and agreed to by [Redacted]. Further same served its purpose and has been removed.

Technical Supervisor advised he has inspected the site and the bank has been partly removed, however the soil has not been returned to its original position due to the sorghum crop in the area.

5. Moved Cr. Vellagel seconded Cr. McCutcheon that Council write to Koehler Bros. advising that an inspection of the area will be undertaken following the removal of [Redacted] sorghum crop to ascertain whether the land has been returned to its natural levels and ascertain whether a water problem exists.
Dear Sir,

WARRA-KOGAN ROAD
LEVEE BANK AND DAM
PORTION 1, 2 AND 3 PARISH OF EARLE

Further to your letter 1/11/11 of 3 January 90 and subsequent inspection on 23 January 90 Main Roads has no requirements in relation to the above proposal.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

DISTRIBUT ENGINEER
Dear Sir,

WARRA–KOGAN ROAD
PROPOSED LEVEE BANK AND DAM
PORTION 1, 2 AND 3 PARISH OF EARLE

With reference to your letter 1/11/11 of 6 December 89 would you please forward details of the proposed dam so that the matter of visibility can be investigated.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

DISTRICT ENGINEER
Plant Purchases (14/2/5)

Cr. Vellnagel requested Council's direction on the calling of tenders for purchase of a dog trailer and water tank.

Moved Cr. Reimers seconded Cr. Wolski that Council call tenders for the supply and delivery of a dog trailer. In addition quotes be obtained for the manufacture and delivery of a water tank and an order placed on the most competitive quotation in order that supply may be expedited.

ADOPTION OF REPORT

CARRIED.

53. Moved Cr. Smith seconded Cr. Reimers that the Workshop Superintendents report be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr. Wolski

Saleyards Maintenance Inspection (23/2/1)

54. Resolved that staff undertake an inspection of the Saleyards prior to the first sale in 1990 and prepare a maintenance listing of work required.

Cr. McCutcheon

Brigalow State School Plans for Set Down (12/1/13)

55. Moved Cr. McCutcheon seconded Cr. Vellnagel that Council forward a letter to the Department of Main Roads attaching a copy of Councils previous letter to the Department of Works outlining Councils attitude to the proposed works.

CARRIED.

Haywards Pty Ltd - Levee Bank Licence (1/11/11)

Cr. McCutcheon enquired on the situation with regards to the licencing of levee banks.

The Shire Clerk advised that the application is currently advertised and plans are available at the Shire Office for inspection with copies being forwarded to the Main Roads Department and Water Resources Commission for their comments.

Overhead Bridge (12/2/4)

Enquired on progress with the amount of Green Panic on the overhead bridge which will cause problems and a fire hazard if not rectified.
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned application for a License under the provision of Subsection (24) of Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1936-1988 has been made to the Chinchilla Shire Council.

Applicant: Hayward Pty Ltd, "Noola Plains", Brigalow.

The owner of: Portions 1, 2 and 3, Parish of Earle, County of Lytton.

Proposed work: Ring tank, head ditches and tail drains for water storage, irrigation and drainage purposes.

A person being the owner or occupier of land likely to be affected by the licensing of the work may, in writing signed by him, and addressed to the Shire Clerk, Chinchilla Shire Council, object to such license being granted and submit in writing to the Shire Clerk the grounds of such objection.

The application and plans are open to inspection at the Council's Office.

The 28th day of December, 1989 has been appointed as the last day for the receipt of objections.

(Shire Clerk)

PO Box 42,
Chinchilla. Q. 4413

Chinchilla News - 7 December, 1989
6 December, 1989

The District Engineer,
Water Resources Commission,
PO Box 3180 Town Hall Post Office,
TOOWOOMBA Q. 4350

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Council has received a levee bank license application for Portions 1, 2 & 3, Parish of Earle.

I enclose herewith a copy of the application and request your views on the proposal.

Your early advices hereon would be appreciated. Please return the application file at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

(Shire Clerk)
6 December, 1989

The District Engineer,
Main Roads Department,
PO Box 645,
TOOWOOMBA Q. 4350

Dear Sir,

Re: Warra - Kogan Road

Council has received an application to license a levee bank and dam on Portions 1,2 & 3, Parish of Earle.

The proposed siting of the dam would appear to restrict the visibility of traffic travelling along the Warra/Kogan road, and accordingly Council would appreciate any comments you would like to make regarding the application.

Your early attention hereon would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(Shire Clerk)
Application for Permit Granted under the provisions of sub-section (24) of section 47 of the Local Government Act 1936-1981.

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

I, in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of applicant: Hayward Pty Ltd
(2) Postal address: Noola Plains, Brigalow
(3) Location of work (see also 10) - County - Lytton Parish - Eagle, Real Property Office description Portion 1, 243, area -
(4) Nature of Works: Water Tank, Head Ditches & Tail Ditches
(5) Purpose of work: Water Storage, Irrigation & Drainage
(6) Particulars of work (if levee bank) - Earth Tank Only
   (a) Total length of levee bank 2500 metres.
   (b) Maximum height 2.5 metres. Details of Cross Section are shown on attached drawings
   (c) Width of top 3.0 metres.
   (d) Width of base 8.1 metres.
   (e) Materials of which bank will be constructed: Clay & Black Soil
   (f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much? The crest of the Earth Dam is higher but the bank in its natural state is already higher.
   (g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level: Natural state is already higher.
(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation)
   (a) Total length 6,000 metres. Details of Cross Sections are shown on attached drawings
   (b) Maximum depth 0.3 metres.
   (c) Width of top 14.5 metres.
   (d) Width at base 30 metres.
   (e) State nature of soil at site:
(8) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work: The toe of the Earth Dam will be 100 metres from Roads and Property Boundaries.
(9) Period for which permit is required: 10 years
(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10,000 on space provided herein, showing position of streams (if any), direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.
(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details:

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the sum of $84 dollars - 00 cents being the required application fee.

DATE: [redacted]
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: [redacted]

N.B. This application is required to be submitted in duplicate.
In Reply Please Quote: PF1885  :EH:JL

17 June 2005

“Oakdene”
Chinchilla – Wondai Road
MS
CHINCHILLA  Q  4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Engineering Report – Levee Bank Approval

Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning the structures associated with Levee Bank Approval granted on 21 July 2000 as to the adequacy of the workmanship and structural soundness of the dam bank walls.

Council is in receipt of the Thompson Consulting Engineering Report dated 13 June 2005 addressing the issues of concern providing a survey plan of the dam structure.

Council considered the report at the General Meeting held on 16 June 2005 and accepted the report and survey plan on the condition that the structures involved with the Levee Bank Approval dated 21 July 2000 are maintained as recommended by Thompson Consulting Engineers in their report.

Yours faithfully

BC
Director
Thompson Consulting Engineers
PO Box 2184
TOOWOOMBA  Q  4350

For your information.

BC  Engineer

For your information.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
In Reply Please Quote: PF1885 :EH:JL

17 June 2005

Chinchilla – Wondai Road
MS 355
CHINCHELLA Q 4413

Dear Sir,

Re: [Redacted] – Levee Bank Approval – 21 July 2000

Further to your letter dated 20 October 2004 and ongoing discussions and advice concerning the irrigation dam reservoir and infrastructure installed on land described as Lot 125 on Plan [Redacted] Parish of Chinchilla and your concerns with regard to the stability of the structure.

Council has required the owners of Lot 125 on Plan [Redacted] to engage the services of a qualified Consulting Engineer to certify that the structure is sound and properly constructed providing “as constructed” plans.

Council is in receipt of a report on the structure which addresses the areas of:-

- Structural adequacy
- Soil disposal of bank walls
- Adequacy of drainage channels along the bank wall

The report states that all aspects of the western wall including the drainage channel are in the Engineers opinion to be satisfactory provided that:-

i) Regular maintenance is carried out on the dam wall as per good practice.
ii) Cutting the bank back to 10 metres from the boundary is not advisable and enforcement of the requirement is not in the best interests of the long term performance of the outer batter of the western bank and soil should be reinstalled.
iii) That the moisture levels are controlled in the bank wall through emerging careful filling of the storage after it has been dry to ensure that the risk of failure of the dam wall is reduced.
iv) Should the western bank breach for any reason, there is more than adequate capacity inside the boundary catch bank to protect the neighbouring property from unintended runoff; recommending that the catch bank be reinforced and enlarged between the north west corner of the ring tank and the gully dam.
The report was considered by Council at the General Meeting held on 16 June 2005 and same was accepted on the condition that the structures involved with the Levee Bank approval dated 21 July 2000 is maintained as per “industry good practice” as recommended by the Consulting Engineer’s in their report.

Further it was resolved that the survey plan of the structure be received by Council as sufficient to satisfy the requirement for “as constructed” plans of the structure.

Yours faithfully

BC

Director
Thompson Consulting Engineers
PO Box 2184
TOOWOOMBA Q 4350

This is a copy of a letter sent to the adjoining landholders who are concerned at the structure.

BC

Engineer

For your information.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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ENGINEERING REPORT TO THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 16 JUNE 2005

15 June 2005

Mayor and Councillors,
Chinchilla Shire Council,
CHINCILLA QLD 4413.

Councillors,

Re:  Levee Bank Approval
      "Oakdene", Chinchilla

A report has been received from Thompson Consulting Engineers which addresses the areas of:-

- Structural adequacy
- Soil dispersal of bank walls
- Adequacy of drainage channels along the bank wall

The report stated that all aspects of the western wall including the drainage channel are in the Engineers opinion to be satisfactory provided that:-

  i) Regular maintenance is carried out on the dam wall as per good practice
  ii) Cutting the bank back to the required 8.0m alignment would not be advisable
  iii) That the moisture levels are controlled in the bank wall through emerging careful filling of the storage after it has been dry, to ensure the risk of failure of the dam wall is reduced.

Also provided is an as constructed contour plan of the ring tank and two cross sections of the dam. Full as constructed plans of the total development have not been included. These were requested in Council's letter dated 17 December 2004.

Yours faithfully,


RESIDENT CONSULTING ENGINEER

Presented to the General Meeting of the Chinchilla Shire Council held on 16 June 2005.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MS P tyre Council writes to Minister advising the outcome of engineers report
The construction processes as described in the landholder's statement appear to be consistent with those processes generally in use for this type of structure. While some of these processes may not be considered ideal in terms of aesthetic considerations, they do not appear to affect long term structural adequacy.

The particular process referred to here is that of spilling and leaving loose material down the face of fill batters. This has given rise to a perception of there being a highly dispersive soil present, as water has run off the top of the bank down the interface between the compacted material and the overlying loose material. Given the dimensions and slopes of the banks as constructed, and assuming regular maintenance as per good practice, we do not consider this to be a major issue.

2.02 Soil Dispersion of Dam Bank Walls
As discussed in the previous paragraph, soil dispersion of the dam bank walls is not considered to be a significant risk. As well as our observations, the soils report indicates that there appears to be reasonable moisture and compaction in the wall, which minimizes the risk of piping failure as can occur in dispersive soils. Provided moisture levels are controlled through ensuring careful filling of the storage after it has been dry, then risk of failure is also reduced.

In addition, it was observed that a catch bank has been provided along the boundary with the neighbouring property which should direct any leakage back into the gully dam rather than allowing it to encroach on the neighbour's property. It has already been recommended to the landholder that this bank be reinforced and enlarged between the north west corner of the ring tank and the gully dam.

2.03 Adequacy of Drainage Channel Designs Inc. Freeboards etc.
We have looked at the design of the drainage channel running parallel to the western boundary, along the top of the ring tank wall and along an elevated bed towards the south where it meets existing natural ground. This appears adequate in size for the slope. As previously noted in this report, should the western bank of this channel breach for any reason, there is more than adequate capacity inside the boundary catch bank to protect the neighbour from any unintended runoff.

3.0 Additional Comments
From discussions with the landholder, it appears that the design as presented to Council for original approval contained some significant practical problems which were corrected during construction, but never previously documented and advised to Council. When the issue of having a clear distance of 8.0 metres from the boundary was raised, the landholder has made some on site alterations by cutting into the toe of the western bank by between one and two metres to achieve this clear distance.

We believe that this distance may be arbitrary in nature, and if so, enforcement of this requirement is not in the best interests of the long term performance of the outer batter of the western bank. While we believe that the integrity of the dam wall would not be in question due to its width along this side, we would like to see this toe reinstated with compacted natural material to reduce the risk of slumping of this outer batter. Any such slumping would only add to the concerns already expressed by the neighbour, and so should be avoided.
Chinchilla Shire Council

From: [Redacted] thompson-consulting.com.au
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2005 10:41 AM
To: Chinchilla Shire Council
Subject: "Oakdene" ring tank report

The Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
80-86 Heeney Street
PO Box 42
CHINCILLA QLD 4413
Att: [Redacted]

Dear Sir,

Please find attached in secure PDF format a copy of our report to Council on the "Oakdene" ring tank. Please contact me if you require any further information.

Regards

[Redacted]

Director

Thompson Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd
e-mail: [Redacted] thompson-consulting.com.au
Phone: [Redacted]
Fax: [Redacted]
Mobile: [Redacted]
Postal Address: PO Box 2184, Toowoomba QLD 4350
13 June 2005

The Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
80-86 Heeney Street
PO Box 42
CHINCIIALLA QLD 4413

Att: [Name]

Dear Sir,

ENGINEERING REPORT ON
LEASE RANK APPROVAL FOR

[Site Name] AT “OAKDENE”, CHINCILLA

We have been requested by [Name] to inspect and report on the construction of a water storage ring tank constructed on "Oakdene", Chinchilla, based upon the requirements outlined in your letter PF1885, 21/1/14:GCJL.

1.0 GENERAL
We carried out a site inspection on 11 March 2005, to visually assess the completed works. At that time we also arranged for a soils investigation to be carried out by South Queensland Soils to determine the uniformity and degree of compaction. The landholder provided us with a written statement as to how the construction process was carried out, and also organised for an "As Constructed" survey to be carried out by Ring Surveys. Reports and survey information has been received and reviewed by us, and our comments are addressed to your particular requests in the following paragraphs. Copies of the survey drawings are also appended.

2.0 PARTICULAR COMMENTS AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL
2.0.1 LONG TERM STRUCTURAL ADEQUACY
The storage as constructed appears sound, with reported compaction which appears adequate and relatively uniform along the western wall (adjacent to the neighbouring property). The remainder of the walls were not tested at the request of the landholder due to cost considerations and the fact that any failure will inundate the landholder's own land.
ENGINEERING REPORT ON
LEVEE BANK APPROVAL FOR

AT "OAKDENE", CHINCHILLA

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ENGINEERING REPORT ON
LEVEE BANK APPROVAL FOR

AT "OAKDENE", CHINCHILLA

We believe that this report should cover issues as raised in your correspondence to the landholder. Should you require additional information or comment, please contact me.

Regards

DIRECTOR

Encl: Ring Surveys Drawing Nos 045599D1 & D2

B/C: ____________________________
As-constructed levels of new storage dam
21 April 2005

The Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
80-86 Heeney Street
PO Box 42
CHINCHILLA  QLD  4413

At: [Name Redacted]

Dear Sir,

PROGRESS REPORT ON ENGINEERING REPORT
RE LEVEE BANK APPROVAL FOR
[Name Redacted]
AT “OAKDENE”, CHINCHILLA

As previously advised to you, we intended to complete our report to Council on the above matter by 15 April 2005.

Unfortunately, we are still awaiting soil testing results, being undertaken by South Queensland Soils, and engineering survey details which are also being undertaken by a local surveyor.

Once we have this information, we undertake to complete and forward our report within two weeks of receipt of the data.

Please accept our apologies for the delay, and contact me if we can be of further assistance.

Regards

[Name Redacted]

DIRECTOR

B/C: [Name Redacted]
17 December 2004

"Oakdene"
MS
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Approval

I refer to the on site inspection by Council's Resident Engineer, [redacted] and myself with yourselves on 15 December 2004 and wish to confirm discussions and provide a course of action which may bring the approval of these works to a satisfactory conclusion.

Due to a series of circumstances and events the works as constructed do not entirely comply with approved plans. You are therefore required to provide Council with a plan of the "as constructed" works and separate plans for any works proposed for the development that are not constructed. These plans shall be prepared by a draftsperson who is competent in agricultural works. In order to achieve this, a full engineering survey of the as constructed works will be required. This survey shall include levels, widths, slopes etc.

You are also required to provide Council with an independent Engineering Report on the works. This report shall provide an engineering opinion on the works including issues such as:-

- Long term structural adequacy
- Soil dispersion of dam bank walls
- Adequacy of drainage channel designs including freeboards etc.

This independent engineering report/opinion shall be based on an on site inspection and other matters such as soil test reports and shall be prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland who is experienced in farm dam design and construction. This report shall be signed in original signature by that person and shall include reference to the RPEQ registration number.

Included below is a list of Engineers who are acceptable to Council:-

i) [redacted]
   Thompson Consulting Engineers (Toowoomba)
After this is submitted to Council along with the surveyed as constructed plans, DNR advice will be requested before Council considers approval.

In order to resolve this issue, at the earliest opportunity, you are requested to lodge all of the necessary information to Council before 31st January 2005.

Your early attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For your information. Refers to previous correspondence.
Chintheche Shire Council
ATTN:- Officer for Freedom of Information.

Dear Sir | Madam,

We would like to request a copy of the correspondence, referred to in the letter to us dated 4/11/04, from our neighbour to you, your Ref. PF1885: KF: JL.

Also a copy of the two submissions from the 2 landholders, namely

1. [Redacted] as mentioned in the letter from Council to us dated 21/7/2000. Ref P.F 1885
2. E.H K.B.

Yours Faithfully,

[Redacted]
In Reply Please Quote: PF1885 :KF:JL
04 November 2004

"Oakdeno"
M:...
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Approval

I wish to advise that Council recently received correspondence alleging that the Levee Bank/Ring Tank constructed on your property on the Chinchilla – Wondai Road (described as Lot [redacted]) has not been constructed in accordance with the original plans approved by Council and the Department of Natural Resources. Furthermore it was alleged that what has been constructed represents a danger to neighbouring property.

Upon receiving this report, Council’s Engineer inspected what has been constructed (as viewed from a neighbour’s property) as compared to the approved plans and advised the following:-

1. The toe of the Ring Tank, on the Western side, [redacted] (boundary) is closer to the boundary than the distance shown on the plan.
2. The pump outlet pipe discharging into the Head Ditch should be positioned between the toe of the bank and the Recycle Drain, according to the plans; this pipe is non-existent.
3. The top of the structure should be approximately 4 metres wide; in fact there is an additional section some 3 – 4 metres wide which has been constructed to the same level on the Western side but in the form of a shallow "Top Ditch". The position of the pump outlet pipe indicates that water is pumped up onto the North-Western corner into this ditch to travel along the top of the Ring Tank on this side and into the Head Ditch near the South Western corner.
4. The design cross section along the Western side, next to Tighe’s property shows two separate roadways separated by the Recycle Drain; the base of this drain should have been constructed some 500mm below natural ground level.

The as-constructed cross section does not comply with the designed cross section, particularly evident along the Western side. Enclosed is the designed cross section as submitted and what I can ascertain is the as-constructed cross section.
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5. The overall standard of compaction of the structure is also of concern.

6. There is significant evidence of "piping" along the Western batter adjacent to the boundary, indicative of water movement within the structure; this may be due to either:
   - Seepage through the Ring Tank wall or
   - Seepage of water as it is being pumped along the "Top Ditch" adjacent to the top of the tank.

Conclusion
The concern is that these faults will be exacerbated by future use and that a failure will initially cause water erosion of the cultivated paddock followed by inundation of unwanted heavy clay.

Yours faithfully,

MANAGER OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
Chinchilla Shire Council

MS CHINCILLA Q 4413.

Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCILLA Q 4413

Re: Ring Tank construction...

Sir,

As a result of a recent inspection of an "as constructed" ring tank by Chinchilla Shire Council engineer, I wish to lodge a formal complaint against the sighting of the ring tank and also the construction of said ring tank that is located on Lot... owned and operated by...

The report supplied to me by your engineer indicates a number of major problems which could result in failure of the tank which is likely to cause soil erosion on our property followed by inundation of unwanted heavy clay.

We believe that the construction of this ring tank does not comply with the conditions as directed by council in their correspondence to us bearing your reference PF1885 dated 21 July 2000.

We respectfully require that council take steps to have this matter investigated urgently.

[Redacted]
14 February 2003

"Oakdene"
MS  
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Amendment – Levee Bank Approval

Reference is made to your letter dated 5 November 2002, requesting an amendment to Levee Bank permit approval dated 20 March 2000, incorporating an extension to an existing contour bank associated with the approval.

I wish to advise that the amendment was considered by Council at the General Meeting held on 13 February 2003, and approval was granted for the extension of contour bank marked A' as per the plan provided.

I would advise that if you do not agree with Council's decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 942 of the Local Government Act 1993 (copy attached).

Yours faithfully,

[Signatures]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Durah Road
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
15 November 2002

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Approval —

Reference is made to approval granted on 21 July 2002, to [redacted] to construct a Ring Tank and Earthen Dam for flood and trickle irrigation on land described as Lot 125 on Plan LY 607, Parish of Chinchilla.

Attached is a copy of an amendment proposal submitted by [redacted] to the original approved plans for Council consideration.

This proposed amendment is forwarded to you for your consideration and response as you provided a submission to the original application. The amendment will affect catchment flows to adjoining lands.

You are requested to provide your comments on the proposed amendment prior to Thursday 21 November 2002. The intention is that the amendment will not be re-advertised.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Dear Sir,

We would like to submit the following amendment to our original 'Rese Bank Application' dated 20/3/00 your reply quote P.F 1885.

The amendment is to extend the existing contour bank near the gully dam across on a N.E direction to catch the run off water from the cotton field area. The main purpose is to allow only "dirty water" from the cotton to go into the gully dam and not into the neighbour's pastoral land. In hindsight it should have been on the original proposal but was an oversight.

The rain in late June this year caused some run off and inspected the area soon after the rain and is aware of this amendment. This area was cropped to cotton & harvested in April 2002 suggested I put an amendment to the Council.

A further small contour bank is proposed south of existing contours
to illuminate wash on that area of the field also

2 maps are enclosed for your reference.

Yours Faithfully.
portion 125.

--- proposed Contours

--- Current Contours
21 July 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your application for a Levee Bank Permit for the construction of a Ring Tank and earthen dam for Flood and Trickle irrigation on land described as Lot 125 on Plan LY607, Parish of Chinchilla.

I wish to advise that the application and submissions were considered by Council at the general meeting held on 20 July 2000 and that approval was granted for the structures subject to the following conditions:

i) That approval be granted on the works for a period of two (2) years, with provision to renew the approval for a period to be determined by Council, at that time, provided that there are no problems arising as a result of works.

ii) Construction of the works shall commence within twelve (12) months of the date of fulfillment of conditions and be completed within two (2) years of that date.

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iv) That the applicant be solely responsible for repairing and damage as a result of soil erosion or whatever associated with the proposal on lot 125 and any adjoining lot affected by the structures.

v) Maintain storage areas in a state that allows for the containment of the first 25mm of runoff water, as stipulated in the applicant’s farm management plan.

vi) Increase the width of bywash to 40 metres, as per correspondence from the applicant.

vii) The containment bank to the eastern side of the property adjacent to Council road, shall be constructed so as not to cause any catchment diversion to the Northern side of the existing drainage flow path.

viii) Chinchilla Shire Council’s approval does not guarantee a supply of overland water under the Water Allocation Management Process (WAMP) as from the 14 June 2000.
During the advertising period for the proposed works, Council was in receipt of two (2) submissions from the following landholders who have been notified of the decision.

i) [Redacted]
   Durah Road
   CHINCUTLLA Q 4413

ii) [Redacted]
    Warren Street
    CHINCUTLLA Q 4413

I would advise that should you not agree with Council’s decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 942 of the Local Government Act 1993 (copy attached).

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
21 July 2000

Durah Road
CHINCHILLA Q  4413

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your submission with regard to the Levee Bank Application by [Redacted] for the construction of a Ring Tank and Earthem Dam for Flood and Trickle irrigation on land described as lot 125 on Plan [Redacted] Parish of Chinchilla.

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[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PO Box 42 Chinchilla 4413
Telephone: (07) 4662 7056 Fax: (07) 4662 7720
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
In Reply Please Quote: A Vital Friendly Shire

Our Ref: EH:KB
Your Ref:

21 July 2000

Warren Street
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application – [Redacted]

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I wish to advise that the application and submissions were considered by Council at the general meeting held on 20 July 2000 and that approval was granted for the structures on the following conditions:

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Dear Councillors,

Levee Bank Application - [REDACTED]

 Applicant: [REDACTED]

 Land Description: Lot 151, Parish of Chinchilla, Chinchilla.

 Land Owner: [REDACTED]

 Tenure of Land: Freehold, Rural A

 Nature of Work: Overland flow harvesting (Earthern Dam), storage (ring tank), flood irrigation and tail water retention.

 Purpose of Work: Provision of waters for both flood and trickle irrigation.

 Permit Required: The applicants has requested a period of 3 years for the permit.

 Advertising: The application has been advertised on 6 April 2000 and 13 April 2000 in accordance with Section 938 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, calling for support or objections for the proposal closing with Council on 5 May 2000.

 Support or Objections Council in receipt of two (2) objections to this proposal as detailed below:

 The grounds of their objection are as follows:

 1. Construction of the proposed dam (having a width of 316.752 metres and a length of approximately 330 metres and a water level of 6.3 metres) centred over and along the present location of the unnamed gully watercourse would effectively cut-off (or substantially cut-off) the water supply to our dam (which is considerably smaller having a capacity of 400 acre feet only) derived essentially from water flowing into it out of the gully.

 2. Employment of two high-capacity (500mm and 600mm) pumps at 1800 RPM to draw water out of the proposed dam to fill up the Ring Tank as and when required by the Applicants compounds our concern. The Ring Tank is by any standards a very high volume water facility. It is clear that the applicants intend to farm their land requiring large volumes of water to be irrigated on it (otherwise the cost of the proposed dam and Ring Tank facilities could not possibly be justified, particularly taking into regard the fact that subject Lot [REDACTED] comprises an area of 384.8 hectares only). Therefore, it is not difficult to
view. Another point of concern is that the design of the by-wash, as shown on the applicants' plans, bends around the top northern end of the proposed dam in what we believe is too severe a curve which could possibly result in the by-wash not having sufficient capacity to carry water away quickly enough. Once again, the assessment of an independent engineer on this issue is required.

8. It can be reasonably anticipated that if the by-wash was constructed according to the design of the applicant's plans, it is reasonably foreseeable that there will be an occasion that the relatively small by-wash area will simply not be able to cope with a great volume of water entering into it thereby creating the strong possibility of the dam's banks bursting. If that event were to occur, our dam simply would not have the capacity to withstand a sudden influx of water and such a situation would cause obvious damage to our land (eg severe erosion). Furthermore, we can foresee in these circumstances (or at other times) a strong possibility of a silting problem arising in our dam.

9. We syphon water over the top of our dam to fill two pond areas which nourishes a surrounding area of approximately 10 hectares. These areas naturally produce excellent pasture grasses which are excellent fodder for our cattle. The likely severe reduction in water flowing into our dam by reason of the construction of the proposed dam will, as a further consequence, have an adverse effect upon the pond areas.

If Council was of a mind to approve the applicant's application despite the above objections, we request that Council impose as a condition upon such approval that a report from an independent engineer and/or other independent and competent person be obtained to address the issue as to the extent of what would be the future impact upon our land, in particular, the water supply available to our land from our main dam and the other issues raised above the proposed dam is constructed on the proposed site.

We would urge Council to reject the applicants' application if the report's reasonably indicates to Council that it is in all likelihood foreseeable that the water supply available to us would be diminished to such an extent so as to reduce our ability to earn a livelihood from our present grazing business and/or proposed future farming activities at our land.

We would also urge Council to reject the applicants' application if the findings contained in the report/s would (or should) reasonably indicate to Council that there was a strong potential for our land to be damaged by reason of the potential for the dam's walls to burst attributable to the inadequate by-wash facility.

BAF & CJ Staib

The grounds of their objection are as follows:

1. At present there is already a large dam upstream from our property which catches a large percentage of the water flow from the gully and we feel that if another larger dam was to be constructed above this it would completely stop any flow of water to our property. We heavily rely on the flow of water via this gully to fill our only dam, which has to meet our ongoing stock-water requirements.

2. In the very near future our dam will also be used for domestic purposes. This will add a further burden to the already depleted supply.
Comments of Sub Objections

1. Both issues relate to the use of water for stock and domestic water downstream & of the applicants proposal and also the property of Tighe. This is addressed in item No. 4 of ... objection, which will not therefore be re-addressed.

Details of the Application

The applicant has advised they are proposing to construct an earthen gravity dam of capacity 66ML on a natural drainage path south of the Wondai Road, including a further 235ML ringtank with all wall heights approximately 5 metres in height.

There are also proposed 500mm and 600mm pumps operating at 1800rpm to lift water from the earthen dam to the ringtank for further irrigation.

Water storage will be utilised to irrigate two fields, with a total area of approximately 170Ha by both flood and trickle irrigation.

Consultation

The following were items considered during the on-site meeting held with the landowner.

1. Lack of locality map indicating the site with respect to the unnamed gully system, or surrounding land profiles. Whilst no plans, have since been received relative to these discussion. It is believed, all involved in the meeting now know where the structures are to be located.

2. Method of containing the first 25mm of overland flow from anyone rain event. These discussions were on the basis that no independent sump was located prior to water entering the existing waterways.

In response to this issue a Management plan was received from stating the following:

"The gravity dam will contain the run-off from the fields planted with cotton, under the Best Management Practice Guidelines. Our management strategy will involve the dam being kept empty or low during irrigation or immediately after.

During all ground rig spray operations the dam will be kept empty. It is not possible to conduct ground rig spray operations during irrigation.

It it becomes necessary to spray immediately after irrigation it will be done while the gravity dam is at low level.

Because of the expense, aerial spraying is carried out only when weather conditions are suitable and no rain forecast or imminent, thus reducing the risk of excessive runoff.

Our aim is to conduct a farming practice that meets all guidelines. We run cattle in our farming programmes and are very conscious of the requirements of the cattle producer and grain farmer in general.

Further more our intention is not to use any endosulphan on any cropping programme conducted at Oakdene."
6. Distance from boundary of gravity dam and ringtank. This was determined on site to be satisfactory based on surrounding land profiles and non-existence of any structures immediately to the west of the proposed structures.

**Considerations:**

Council could consider the approval of the proposed scheme incorporating the gravity dam (66 Ml), ringtank (235 Ml) and associated head ditches, tail recycle drains and containment banks as submitted by [redacted] on land described as lot 125 on [redacted] Parish of Chinchilla subject to the following:

i) That approval be granted on the works for a period of two (2) years, with provision to renew the approval for a period to be determined by Council, at that time, provided that there are no problems arising as a result of works.

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iv) That the applicant be solely responsible for repairing and damage as a result of soil erosion or whatever associated with the proposal on lot 125 [redacted] and any adjoining lot affected by the structures.

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vi) Increase the width of bywash to 40 metres, as per correspondence from the applicant.

vii) The containment bank to the eastern side of the property adjacent to Council road, shall be constructed so as not to cause any catchment diversion to the Northern side of the existing drainage flow path.

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Dear Sir,

Regarding our plans for gravity dam at 'Oakeshine'.

After inspection and discussion with [REDACTED] we have agreed to increase the bywash on the gravity dam to a width of 140 mtrs. This could be included as an addendum to the plans previously presented.

Yours Faithfully,

[REDACTED]
CHINCHILLA SHIRE CLERK AND COUNCILORS.

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

Management plan for gravity dam at OAKDENE re containment of irrigation run off.

The gravity dam will contain the run-off from fields planted with cotton, under the Best Management Practice Guidelines. Our Management strategy will involve the dam being kept empty or low during irrigation or immediately after.

During all ground rig spray operations the dam will be kept empty. It is not possible to conduct ground rig spray operations during irrigation.

If it becomes necessary to spray immediately after irrigation it will be done while the gravity dam is at a low level.

Because of the expense, aerial spraying is carried out only when weather conditions are suitable and no rain forecast or imminent thus reducing the risk of excessive runoff.

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Further more our intention is not to use any Endosulphan on any cropping programme conducted at Oakdene.

Hoping this information is satisfactory,

Yours Faithfully,
10th June, 2000.

"OAKDENE",
M/S [Redacted]
CHINCILLA, Q. 4413.

Dear Mike,

Re the gravity catchment gravity dam at "Oakdene".

Catchment is estimated at 1500 acres
Rainfall of 50mm in 1 hour
Runoff of 25/30%

Gravity catchment dam capacity and volume will be transferred into
main ring tank after each rainfall event as its operation is as
a collection sump for the main ring tank. Pumping capacity is
220 megalitres per day.

Catchment runoff doesn't arrive at the collection dam all at
once but over a 15 hour period.

For your information.

Yours faithfully,

LASER LAND SURVEYS.
9 May 2000

Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 273
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Attached please find a copy of a Levee Bank Application recently received by Council as follows:

1. Lot 125 on Plan Parish of Chinchilla.

Application has been advertised with objections closing on 5 May 2000, with an objection from as per attached being received.

Would you please consider this application and Council's resident consulting Engineer, will contact you regarding inspection etc.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BC [Name]
Engineer

Please arrange inspections and assessment of the application for consideration by Council as soon as possible with normal agenda processes.

[Signature]
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Dear Sir,

RING TANK AND EARTH DAM CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION BY MA & LA FROMM

We are the registered owners of Lot 126 on Plan County Lytton, Parish Chinchilla comprising an area of 324 hectares. This land is the neighbouring lot to the property owned by (described as Lot 125 on Plan).

We hereby, object to the application lodged by for a license under the provision of Section 937 of the Local Government Act 1993 permitting a Ring Tank and Earth Dam Construction for the purpose of flood and trickle irrigation.

The grounds of our objection are as follows:

1. Our main objection is that if Council was to approve the application, the construction of the proposed dam (having a width of 316.752 metres and a length of approximately 330 metres and a water level of 6.3 metres) centred over and along the present location of the unnamed gully watercourse would effectively cut-off (or substantially cut-off) the water supply to our dam (which is considerably smaller having a capacity of 400 acre feet only) derived essentially from water flowing into it out of the gully. Our dam is located downstream from the site of the proposed dam.

2. The applicants proposed employment of two high-capacity (500 mm and 600 mm) pumps at 1800 RPM to draw water out of the proposed dam to fill up the Ring Tank (having a length of 332.5 metres, a width 213 metres) as and when required by the Applicants compounds our concern. The Ring Tank is by any standards a very high volume water facility. It is clear that the applicants intend to farm their land requiring large volumes of water to be irrigated on it (otherwise the cost of the proposed dam and Ring Tank facilities could not possibly be justified, particularly taking into regard the fact that subject Lot 125 comprises an area of 384.8 hectares only). Therefore, it is not difficult to foresee that the applicants
will require water to be drawn out of the Ring Tank for irrigation purposes on an ongoing basis during the growing season. The pumps would need to be employed from time to time to supply the requisite volume of water into the Ring Tank to meet the applicants’ requirements for their crops.

3. We reiterate that there is a strong potential for our present water supply out of our dam to be severely diminished if not wholly diminished from time to time. This impact upon us is both unjustifiable and unfair. We presently draw water out of our dam to supply water to 8 stock water troughs and 3 water tanks strategically located around our property. We also draw water out of the dam for domestic purposes. We foresee that there is a real risk that our future ability to run water to the troughs and tanks will be substantially if not wholly diminished from time to time if the proposed dam constructions proceeds. Accordingly, we can also foresee that our future livelihood from our present cattle grazing business will be adversely affected to a great extent in these circumstances.

4. There is another small dam (having a capacity of 4000 yards) located at our property. However, the water supply derived from that dam for stock-water purposes is insufficient to meet our ongoing stock-water requirements.

5. In any event, we have previously utilised our land for the growing of wheat, barley and sorghum crops. We have used our main dam as the source of water for the irrigation of the crops. The construction of the dam will potentially (and in all likelihood) unfairly take away from us a future on-farm income source attainable from crop growing. We can foresee that crop growing would no longer be a feasible option at our property. We would therefore be unfairly disadvantaged in that the flexibility of our on-farm enterprises would be greatly reduced. This will also detrimentally affect the re-sale value of our land.

6. Another objection to the application is possible contamination to our land from pesticides/herbicides etc utilised by the applicants in the growing of crops at their land in the future. The possible contamination of our pastures could cause unacceptably high levels of contaminants in our livestock which might lead to our livestock being quarantined by DPI from time to time. We appreciate that this scenario is completely speculative but nevertheless is worthy of consideration in our view. We foresee that there will be a run-off of water into our property in circumstances where the Ring Tank and by-wash are both full and further rain occurs. In this situation, the water must necessarily pass over the level area back into the sump area and there is no guarantee that the sump area could hold the water that is passed into it. Of course, these matters can only be verified by assessment from an independent engineer. It should be noted that our land is positioned lower than the applicants’ land.
7. We contend that the width of the by-wash as indicated in the applicants’ plans is too narrow and is far too close to the dividing fence-line (the containment bank of the by-wash commences from a point only three metres inside the fence line). The by-wash to our dam is 60 metres wide and carries water up to 0.66 metres in depth from time to time. It would be fair to assume that a far greater volume of water will be carried by the proposed by-wash from time to time. We can foresee that if the proposed by-wash is inadequate (to be verified by assessment from an independent engineer) there is a real possibility of the proposed dam’s bank bursting and causing considerable damage as a result to our property. We were unable to establish the depth of the proposed by-wash but in any event we believe that the foregoing predictions are foreseeable in our view. Another point of concern is that the design of the by-wash, as shown on the applicants’ plans, bends around the top northern end of the proposed dam in what we believe is too severe a curve which could possibly result in the by-wash not having sufficient capacity to carry water away quickly enough. Once again, the assessment of an independent engineer on this issue is required.

8. The bottom line, in our contention, is that it can be reasonably anticipated that if the by-wash was constructed according to the design of the applicants’ plans, it is reasonably foreseeable that there will be an occasion that the relatively small by-wash area will simply not be able to cope with a great volume of water entering into it thereby creating the strong possibility of the dam’s banks bursting. If that event were to occur, our dam simply would not have the capacity to withstand a sudden influx of water and such a situation would cause obvious damage to our land (eg severe erosion). Furthermore, we can foresee in these circumstances (or at other times) a strong possibility of a silting problem arising in our dam.

9. Occasionally, we syphon water over the top of our dam to fill two pond areas which nourishes a surrounding area of approximately 10 hectares. These areas naturally produce excellent pasture grasses which are excellent fodder for our cattle. The likely severe reduction in water flowing into our dam by reason of the construction of the proposed dam will, as a further consequence, have an adverse effect upon the pond areas. We contend that it is a likely consequence that the relevant pasture grasses would be severely reduced both in terms of quality and volume.

If Council was of a mind to approve the applicants’ application despite the above objections, we request that Council impose as a condition upon such approval that a report from an independent engineer and/or other independent and competent person be obtained to address the issue as to the extent of what would be the future impact upon our land, in particular, the water supply available to our land from our main dam and the other issues raised above if the proposed dam is constructed on the proposed site.
We would urge Council to reject the applicants’ application if the report/s reasonably indicates to Council that it is in all likelihood foreseeable that the water supply available to us would be diminished to such an extent so as to reduce our ability to earn a livelihood from our present grazing business and/or proposed future farming activities at our land.

We would also urge Council to reject the applicants’ application if the findings contained in the report/s would (or should) reasonably indicate to Council that there was a strong potential for our land to be damaged by reason of the potential for the dam’s walls to burst attributable to the inadequate by-wash facility.

We request that Council favourably considers our objection to the application.

Yours faithfully,
Dear Sir

Re: Ring Tank and Earth Dam Construction application by [REDACTED]

We are the owners of Lot [REDACTED] Mullers Road Chinchilla. Our property is situated approximately 500m downstream from the proposed dam.

We hereby object to the application lodged by [REDACTED] for a license under the provision of Section 937 of the Local Government Act 1993 permitting a Ring Tank and Earth Dam Construction for the purpose of flood and trickle irrigation.

The grounds of our objection are as follows:

1. At present there is already a large dam upstream from our property which catches a large percentage of the water flow from the gully and we feel that if another larger dam was to be constructed above this it would completely stop any flow of water to our property. We heavily rely on the flow of water via this gully to fill our only dam, which has to meet our ongoing stock-water requirements.

2. In the very near future our dam will also be used for domestic purposes. This will add a further burden to the already depleted supply.
We would ask that Council reject the application for a ring tank and earth dam if the water supply to our property would be adversely affected by its construction.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted]

[Redacted] 11/05/00
Chief Executive Officer,  
Chinchilla Shire Council,  
Chinchilla.  

Dear Sir,  

Regarding application by  
for the building of an earth embankment, on 'Oakden', lot 125,  

Our immediate neighbours have  
been notified, and discussion held with  
them regarding our application.  
None have offered any objection to  
our proposal, must have not desired  
to inspect the plans  

Our downsteam neighbours Tighes  
have praised the said plans and appear  
to be satisfied with them.  

I feel that the submitted maps are  
detailed and self explanatory, but if there  
are any other explanations required please  

Yours Faithfully  

[Signature]  

[Date]  

Contact me, 

[Contact Information]
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL


This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

I, [REDACTED], of BARKOENE M/S 355 CHINCHILLA, in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant: [REDACTED]

(2) Postal Address: M/S CHINCHILLA

(3) Location of work (see also 10) Country: LYTTON Parish: CHINCHILLA

Real Property Description: LOT 125 . . . . [REDACTED]

Area: 384.8 Ha

(4) Nature of Works: BULK TANK and EARTHEN DAM CONSTRUCTION

(5) Purpose of Work: FREE and TRICKLE Irrigation

(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank -)

(a) Total length of levee bank: [REDACTED] metres
(b) Maximum height: [REDACTED] metres
(c) Width of top: [REDACTED] metres
(d) Width of base: [REDACTED] metres
(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed: [REDACTED]

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much?

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation)

(a) Total length: [REDACTED] metres
(b) Maximum depth: [REDACTED] metres
(c) Width of top: [REDACTED] metres
(d) Width at base: THIRTY FIVE metres
(e) State nature of soil at site: BRIGALOW - BUSH SCRUB SOIL

DEEP HEAVY CLAYS
3) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work ....... grassed Waterway

as per plans...

(9) Period for which permit is required ....... THREE YEARS, the property in Middle of the

(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10 000 showing position of streams (if any), direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.

(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the required application fee.

Date 20/3/00 .............. Signature of Applicant

(1) If the applicant is purchasing the subject land, but the transfer documents have not yet been lodged for registration, he/she should ask the solicitor handling the sale to contact the Council and advise of the present position of the transaction.

(2) In terms of the Local Government Act 1936-1988, applications for permits are required to be advertised in accordance with the Council’s By-laws and even if no objections are received, or any objections are received and dismissed, there is no guarantee that the permit applied for will be granted.

(3) The applicant is warned against taking any action to construct any work until a permit from the Council has been received.

(4) All questions in relation to this application must be answered fully as failure to do so will lead to correspondence with consequent delay in dealing with the application.

(5) Applicants agree to pay the following:

a) Application fee for works less than $2000 in cost including advertising. $117

b) Application fee for works in excess of $2000 in cost including advertising. $500

c) Projects that require Engineering Consultants Reports which will include (b) above. Consultant Fees

Date 20/[3]/[60] Signature of Applicant
GUIDE FOR THE LODGEMENT OF A LEVEE BANK APPLICATION FORM

The following information is shown to indicate the minimum requirements upon which the application may be based. The supply of more detailed information additional to this guide may assist in expediting the assessment process.

i) Suitably Engineered design plan, with the following information to be shown;
   - Details of the proposed development to be located on an overall site plan at a scale of 1:10,000.
   - Topographic plan of the application showing a minimum of the following details:
     ➢ Current contour on the property, shown legibly with height profiles.
     ➢ Current overland flow paths, for identification of catchment area; the application should detail how it will deal with natural floodplain flows once structures are full to capacity;
     ➢ A sketch of the catchment boundaries on adjacent properties affected by the proposal
   - Clear indication of the size of the storage structures and their relationship with the proposal (both written and drawn), including:
     ➢ Capacity of the systems
     ➢ Location and size of any pumps proposed or currently existing (including relevant licences)
     ➢ Sizing calculation for Sumps
   - Bywash characteristics:
     ➢ Erosion control measures
     ➢ Indication on how bywash will return water to natural waterway within the applicant’s property, except where alterations are accepted by the community and are technically and environmentally sound.
   - Suitably scaled and detailed cross section of all structures and how they relate to natural land profiles and their relation to the following:
     ➢ Natural waterways
     ➢ Road reserves and current infrastructure
     ➢ Boundary clearances – head ditches/tail drains, bywash minimum 3 metres, ring tanks, structures and situations will determine actual distance from boundary– minimum 10 metres
     ➢ Buildings
     ➢ Vegetation regions

ii) Written report detailing the above requirements, including the full intent of the enterprise, impact on adjacent landowners, including details on notification of the works proposed to adjacent landowners, regardless of perceived impact.

iii) Basic analysis of existing soil structures, and how these relate to water handling structures.

iv) Should the application cause increases in flood flows, heights and velocities, it should be detailed in the application how these changes will be accommodated through the proposal.

v) Detail fully how the system, in particular the recycle system, handles first run-off to a minimum of the middle requirement under Best Management Practices of the enterprise (Cotton industry retain first 25mm).

vi) Integration or interrelationship of the proposed plans to the whole property irrigation (if others exist on the property).

vii) Catchment estimation, including how the proposal will handle relevant storm event, eg. 1 in 10 Year Average Recurrence Intervals.
CHINCHELLA SHIRE COUNCIL

LODGEMENT OF A
LEVEE BANK APPLICATION FORM

☐ Written Report attached
☐ Site Plan (1:10,000) including distances relating to allotment boundaries
☐ Topographic plan including overland flow paths and contour data
☐ Evidence of notification of affected landowners
☐ Application form for lodgement of Levee Bank Application
☐ Details of area and type of irrigation proposed
☐ Detailed design of any structures
  (Cross-Sectional details of structures or irrigation
   proposal-head ditches, tail or recycle drains)

It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the above information is submitted with the application so that the Council can consider the application. Council also reserves the right to request additional information should the application submitted require further information.

Signature of the Applicant

Applicant’s Name (first name should be included)

Applicant’s Contact Number:

Consultant’s Name

Consultant’s Contact Address

Laser Land Survey
6 Barah Street
Toowoomba

Consultant’s Contact Number

Council Information Only
☐ Payment Received

Date of Lodgement ____________________

Name of Officer ________________________
25 July 2001

“Alkoomie”
MS
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear [Name]

Re: Levee Bank Approval – Condition vi

Reference is made to your letter dated 6 July 2001, concerning condition no vi on the above approval dated 4 September 2000.

As a result of you lodging your proposed management plan, Council officers have assessed the information and granted approval subject to the following:

The surface area achieved at maximum level of the dam, to collect the first 25mm of runoff from an area of 55 Hectares a capacity of 13.75 megalitres is required to be made available in the dam. This figure is believed to approximate to 350mm freeboard at the maximum design level.

Your compliance with the above is required to satisfy Council’s condition vi.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Subject to the surface area achieved of maximum
level of the dam, to collect the first 85mm
of water from an area of 55ha, a capacity of 13.75 Ml
is required to be made available in the dam. This
figure is believed to approximate 350mm freeboard
at the maximum design level.
Chinchilla Shire Council

Re: - Lucie Bert Application

Re Condition No 11 - the applicant is to provide a farm management plan for the storage of water to contain the first 25% of run off water if chemicals are to be used.

The estimated amount of run off from the irrigated blocks is 10 mega litre. Catch drains will be put in place to return the water back into the dam. At such times the dam will be below capacity thus allowing the chemical to be diluted.
To whom it may concern,

[Redacted] the owner of lot 130, parish of Chinchilla,

have no objections to the construction of a dam on lot 201, parish of Chinchilla by [Redacted].

Regards
4 September 2000

“Alkoomie” M/S [Redacted]
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your application for approval for the construction of a dam, contour banks, drains and waterways for domestic and stock and supplementary irrigation for grain and fodder crops on land described as Lot 200 on [Redacted] Parish of Chinchilla.

I wish to advise that the application was considered by Council at the general meeting held on 17 August 2000, and that approval in accordance with section 937 of the Local Government Act and Council’s Local Law No 42 - Levee Banks was granted for the structures subject to the following conditions:

i) That approval be granted on the works for a period of two (2) years, with provision to renew the approval for a period to be determined by Council, at that time, provided that there are no problems arising as a result of the works.

ii) Construction of the works shall commence within twelve months (12) of the date of fulfilment of conditions and be completed within two (2) years of that date.

iii) That the construction of the works on the allotment be in accordance with sound engineering guidelines. The agricultural practices on the land shall also be in accordance with industry best practice guidelines.

iv) That the applicant be solely responsible for repairing and damage as a result of soil erosion or whatever associated with the proposal on Lot 200 [Redacted] and any adjoining lot affected by the structures.

v) The applicant provide a containment bank on the eastern fence line as discussed on site to aid in the direction of by-wash waters towards Council proposed floodway location.

vi) The applicant is to provide a farm management plan, that allows for the storage of waters to contain the first 25mm of runoff water, if chemicals are to be used.
vii) The applicant obtain the written approval of the owner of Lot 130 on Plan no. Parish of Chinchilla with regards to the catch drain arrangement, that will direct natural flow of water to the drainage gully.

evii) Chinchilla Shire Council's approval does not guarantee a supply of overland water under the Water Allocation Management Process (WAMP) as from the 14 June 2000.

Should you not agree with Council’s decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 942 of the Local Government Act 1993, a copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
government.
Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(4) If a person convicted of an offence against subsection (3) continues to commit the offence, the person commits a continuing offence.

Maximum penalty—1 penalty unit for each day on which the offence is continued.

**Division 3—Appeals**

**Appeal against local government’s decision**

942.(1) An appeal tribunal for hearing and deciding appeals against decisions of a local government on an application is formed by the chief executive of the department within which the Water Resources Act 1989 is administered or that chief executive’s delegate.

(2) A person aggrieved by a decision of a local government on an application may appeal to an appeal tribunal.

(3) The appeal must be started within 30 days after the person aggrieved is given written notice of the decision.

(4) The appeal is started by the person filing a notice of appeal with the chief executive mentioned in subsection (1) and giving a copy of the notice to the local government.

(5) As soon as practicable after the appeal is started, the chief executive officer of the local government must inform the chief executive mentioned in subsection (1) of the persons, other than the appellant, who made the application and who made submissions on the application.

(6) The person who is to form the appeal tribunal on the appeal must inform the appellant, the local government, and the persons mentioned in subsection (5) of the day, time and place for hearing of the appeal.

**Decision on appeal**

943.(1) An appeal tribunal may—

(a) dismiss an appeal and confirm the decision of the local
Levee Bank Application – D Zischke

Applicant: 

Land Description: Lot 200 on Parish of Chinchilla.

Land Owner: 

Tenure of Land: Freehold, Rural A

Nature of Work: 3.5m high dam, contour drains, banks and waterways.

Purpose of Work: Domestic and stock water including supplementary water for irrigating grain and fodder crops.

Permit Required: The owner has requested a period of 10 years for this permit.

Advertising: The application was advertised on 22 June 2000 and 29 June 2000 in accordance with Section 938 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, calling for support or objections for the proposal closing with Council on 21 July 2000.

Support or Objections Council was in receipt of no support or objection with regards to the proposal.

Details of the Application

The proposal is for the construction of a storage area containing 3.5 metre high embankments, located across a broad base gully. The storage area has been designed to contain approximately 93 megalitres. The storage is to be formed over an existing gully system, which is believed to be unnamed.

The storage will be used to irrigate approximately 55 hectares of grain and fodder crops by way of a non-reinforced plastic flushing. Catch drains will be employed to collect waters from the irrigation for transfer to the storage area.

The application also addresses the dispersive nature of the soil. Erosion is to be contained by way of rock protection and grassed area, further a by wash of 40 metres has been allowed to handle up to 1 in 100 year storm event.

Due to the proposal being located over a broad base gully, no sump is provided upstream of the storage. Only 320 hectare of catchment as attached to the proposal and as such, the applicant has advised this storage will not be suitable for flood irrigation.

The adjacent Council road is programmed to be upgraded; some time after these works are complete. Presently the road washes out at the gully as shown on the plan.
v) The applicant provide a containment bank on the eastern fence line as discussed on site to aid in the direction of by-wash waters towards Council proposed floodway location.

vi) The applicant is to provide a farm management plan, that allows for the storage of waters to contain the first 25mm of runoff water, if chemicals are to be used.

vii) The applicant obtain the written approval of the owner of Lot 130 on Plan LY 600; Parish of Chinchilla with regards to the catch drain arrangement, that will direct natural flow of water to the drainage gully.

viii) Chinchilla Shire Council's approval does not guarantee a supply of overland water under the Water Allocation Management Process (WAMP) as from the 14 June 2000.

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

I, .................................................. of .................................................. in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant ..................................................

(2) Postal Address .................................................. ..................................................

(3) Location of work (see also 10) Country .................................................. Parish ..................................................

Real Property Description ..................................................

Area ..................................................

(4) Nature of Works ..................................................

(a) Total length of levee bank ..................................................

(b) Maximum height ..................................................

(c) Width of top ..................................................

(d) Width of base ..................................................

(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed ..................................................

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much? ..................................................

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level ..................................................

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation)

(a) Total length ..................................................

(b) Maximum depth ..................................................

(c) Width of top ..................................................

(d) Width at base ..................................................

(e) State nature of soil at site ..................................................
(8) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work

(9) Period for which permit is required

(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10 000 showing position of streams (if any), direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.

(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the required application fee.

Date 5-6-00

Signature of Applicant

(1) If the applicant is purchasing the subject land, but the transfer documents have not yet been lodged for registration, he/she should ask the solicitor handling the sale to contact the Council and advise of the present position of the transaction.

(2) In terms of the Local Government Act 1936-1988, applications for permits are required to be advertised in accordance with the Council's By-laws and even if no objections are received, or any objections are received and dismissed, there is no guarantee that the permit applied for will be granted.

(3) The applicant is warned against taking any action to construct any work until a permit from the Council has been received.

(4) All questions in relation to this application must be answered fully as failure to do so will lead to correspondence with consequent delay in dealing with the application.

(5) Applicants agree to pay the following fees:

   a) Application fee for works less than $2000 in cost including advertising. $117

   b) Application fee for works in excess of $2000 in cost including advertising. $500

   c) Projects that require Engineering Consultants Reports which will include (b) above. Consultant Fees

Date ........................................ Signature of Applicant .......................................................
GUIDE FOR THE LODGEMENT OF A LEVEE BANK APPLICATION FORM

The following information is shown to indicate the minimum requirements upon which the application may be based. The supply of more detailed information additional to this guide may assist in expediting the assessment process.

i) Suitably Engineered design plan, with the following information to be shown;

- Details of the proposed development to be located on an overall site plan at a scale of 1:10,000.
- Topographic plan of the application showing a minimum of the following details:
  - Current contour on the property, shown legibly with height profiles.
  - Current overland flow paths, for identification of catchment area; the application should detail how it will deal with natural floodplain flows once structures are full to capacity;
  - A sketch of the catchment boundaries on adjacent properties affected by the proposal.
- Clear indication of the size of the storage structures and their relationship with the proposal (both written and drawn), including:
  - Capacity of the systems
  - Location and size of any pumps proposed or currently existing (including relevant licences)
  - Sizing calculation for Sumps
- Bywash characteristics:
  - Erosion control measures
  - Indication on how bywash will return water to natural waterway within the applicant’s property, except where alterations are accepted by the community and are technically and environmentally sound.

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CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

LODGEAMENT OF A LEVEE BANK APPLICATION FORM

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Signature of the Applicant

Applicant’s Name (first name should be included)

Applicant’s Contact Number:

Consultant’s Name

Consultant’s Contact Address

Consultant’s Contact Number

Council Information Only
☐ Payment Received

Date of Lodgement 05-06-2000 80608 $500

Name of Officer
TECHNICAL REPORT

PROPOSED IRRIGATION STORAGE

DESIGN INVESTIGATION MAY 2000

General

This design report refers to the proposed irrigation storage to be located on [insert location] property which is approximately 10 kilometres to the north east of Chinchilla.

The site selected is located across a broad gully some 50 metres upstream of the road boundary fence and adjacent to the house yard.

The project has been designed as a shallow irrigation storage to supply supplementary irrigation water to a proposed 55 hectare flood irrigation block.

Details of the proposed project are described below.

Catchment

The catchment area above the proposed storage has been estimated from topographic maps to be approximately 320 hectares.

The catchment consists of Brigalow scrub type soils with a heavier clay sub-soil. An estimate of runoff from catchment containing Brigalow type soils is difficult due to the difference in runoff potential depending on how “wet” the catchment is at the time of the particular rainfall event. Therefore it is usual to be conservative when estimating runoff from these catchments.

An analysis of the catchment using the U.S.D.A runoff model for small catchments and 30 year rainfall records for Chinchilla has indicated that in 50% of years runoff from the catchment will equal or exceed 128 megalitres while in 3 out 4 years (75%) runoff will equal or exceed 48 megalitres.

It should be pointed out that estimation of runoff from small farm catchments is not an exact science and further research is being conducted to improve the knowledge of how catchments react to high intensity and short duration rainfall events. However the above mentioned runoff volumes should be used for long term project planning.

Catch drains constructed on a grade of 1 in 1000 metres will be utilised to divert runoff water from the catchment to the proposed storage. These drains will be constructed by road grader.

Storage

The proposed storage consists of an L shaped embankment located across a broad based gully just to the north of the house. (see sheet 1)

A materials investigation has been carried out on the proposed site. This investigation consisted of the excavation of a number of test holes by hand auger and the visual classification of soil strata recovered from the test hole. Soils on the site have been classified as black and brown clays.

Some of the soils show dispersive properties. **Dispersive soils combined with poor compaction have accounted for more farm dam failures than any other mode of failure combined.**
However it is possible to construct a reliable earth embankment for an on farm storage utilising dispersive soils providing correct moisture control and proper compaction techniques are applied.

The proposed embankment is to be constructed as an homogenous earth embankment with a central compacted clay core and compacted clay cut-off. The embankment has a maximum height of approximately 3.5 metres above the bed of the gully, with a crest length of 600 metres and batter slopes (upstream & downstream) of 3 to 1. Crest width will be 3 metres. A wing wall will be constructed on the left bank end of the embankment to prevent overland flows passing through the yard. This wing wall is approximately 300 to 500 millimetres high and will be made broad enough to be driven over.

Approximately 10,200 cubic metres of compacted earth and clay fill would be required to construct the 3.5 metre high embankment (including wing wall). In addition, a further 900 cubic metres of material will be removed and replaced in construction of the cut-off. The cut-off trench is expected to be approximately 0.5 m deep, however this will be subject to variation on site.

All construction material shall be removed from inside the storage area and the bywash cut, no external borrow areas are required. Construction of the proposed pump chase will provide some 1,800 cubic metres of material suitable for use in construction of the proposed embankment.

The storage impounded upstream of the proposed embankment is estimated to be approximately 93 megalitres.

**Bywash**

Excess flows from the catchment will be diverted through a bywash, to be located on the right bank end of the proposed embankment, and returned to the gully downstream of the embankment. Bywash flows will be returned to the gully before passing through the boundary fence. The bywash consists of a level bench cut at the end of the embankment with the grassed return slope utilised to reduce erosive velocities.

Bywash width has been calculated based on the estimated discharge from a 1 in 100 year storm event on the local catchment and assuming a 0.5 metre flow over the bywash bench. Inlet and outlet width for the right bank bywash is 40 metres.

Rock protection works will also be required on the ends and downstream toe of the embankment at the bywash outlet to prevent erosion by flows through the bywash. Protection works will consist of hand placed rock extending from approximately the centre line of the embankment to a point approximately 2 metres downstream of the bywash outlet and to a height of 0.5 m above natural surface level.

The bywash return slopes aim to spread bywash flows and reduce water velocities by the use of good grass cover on the return slope. Thus it is important to establish and maintain good grass cover on the return slopes to prevent erosion.

**Irrigation Block**

Part of an existing 72 hectare dry land cropping block will be utilised for the proposed irrigation area. Sections of this block are not suitable for flood irrigation due to excessive cross fall and therefore will not be included in the proposed irrigation scheme.

The irrigation scheme has been designed to be a low cost surface irrigation scheme for the supplementary irrigation of a maximum area of approximately 55 hectares of grain or fodder crops. Because there is insufficient water stored to meet the full irrigation requirement of the proposed area the surface irrigation scheme has been designed to allow as much flexibility as possible as to which areas are irrigated.
It is proposed to irrigate the 55 hectares utilising non reinforced plastic fluming fitted with adjustable outlets. Water will be pumped from the storage through reinforced fluming to a header tank and then distributed to the furrows utilising the non reinforced fluming.

Tail water from the furrows and runoff from rainfall events will be collected via a 5 metre wide grassed waterway. This waterway follows an existing natural drainage line across the paddock which has a fairly steep fall of 1 metre in 300 metres. Therefore it is very important that grass cover is established and maintained in this waterway otherwise erosion will rapidly occur. The waterway along with catch drains will allow tail water from the irrigation area to be returned to storage.

If the storage is full then approximately 150 millimetres could be applied to the crop at critical points during the crop cycle (assuming a full 55 hectare area). However it is more likely only around 100 millimetres would be available during most years.

The irrigation scheme as proposed would require a pump unit capable of supplying a discharge of 60 litres per second at approximately 15 metres head.

Conclusion

Successful completion of this project will require careful moisture control and compaction of the clay core and cut-off. You should insure your selected contractor is aware of this and accepts responsibility for providing suitable compaction equipment and its operation.

If you require any further details or wish to discuss any part of this project please contact me on.

Regards

Chinchilla Irrigation and Pumping Services
CHINCHILLA IRRIGATION AND PUMPING SERVICES PTY LTD
A.C.N. 074 566 279
Warrego Highway CHINCHILLA
Tel (07) 4662 8628 and Fax (07) 4662 8639

DATE: 27/05/2000

EMBANKMENT DETAIL Scale: Not to Scale DRAWN I.S.R SHEET 3 OF 4

Notes: Cut-off to extend at least 300 mm into natural clay zone and to be backfilled with well compacted clay.
LEFT BANK END EMB

RIGHT BANK BYWASH

RIGHT BANK BYWASH DETAIL

CATCH DRAIN SECTION

HAND PLACED ROCK PITCHING TO BE INSTALLED ON EMBANKMENT AT BYWASH OUTLET

FREEBOARD 0.9 M

BATTER SLOPES 2:1

BYWASH CUT 0.4 M MAX

FREEBOARD 0.9 M

BYWASH EL 50.0

BYWASH OUTLET WIDTH 40 M

CATCH DRAINS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON 1:1000 GRADE

CREST 1.5 M WIDE

CUT DEPTH 0.2 M

BATTER SLOPES 2:1

FREEBOARD 0.3 M

BATTER SLOPE 5:1

BED WIDTH 3.0 M

DATE: 27/05/2000

DRAWN I.S.R

SHEET 4 OF 4
16 November 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Extension of Levee Bank Approval

Reference is made to your letter dated 12 October 2001, requesting Council to consider an extension of the Levee Bank Permit approval granted on 22 November 1999 for the construction of a Hillside storage catchment works and excavation sump for the purpose of crop irrigation on land described as Lot 2 on RP 206730 and Lot 288 on RP 907455, Parish of Chinchilla.

I wish to advise that Council considered the request at the meeting held on 15 November 2001 and has granted an extension of the approval on the following conditions:

i. That the approval be for a period of two years from the 15 November 2001 with provision to renew for a period to be determined by Council, at that time, provided that there are no problems arising as a result of the works.

ii. That the applicant provides evidence that the adjoining landholders have been notified of the overall scheme.

iii. That the construction be in accordance with sound engineering guidelines. The agricultural practices on the land shall also be in accordance with Industry Best Practices Guidelines.

iv. The applicant shall be solely responsible for repairing any damage as a result of soil erosion or whatever associated with the proposal on the abovementioned lots and any loss affected by the structure.

v. That the owner confirms with the Department of Natural Resources the road easement adjacent to the scheme (confusion exists whether the easement width is 20 or 40 meters, and construct works relative to the advised easement width as shown on the plans).

vi. This scheme is approved on the basis of a 130 Ml storage reservoir and 31 hectare flood irrigation proposal and should further development be required, or the works operated in conjunction with structures on Lot 74 on Plan LY769, such will require a further submission for assessment at that time.

vii. Construction shall commence within 12 months from the date of fulfillment of conditions and shall be completed within 2 years from the date of fulfillment of conditions.
viii. The applicant is advised that the draft Condamine-Balonne Water Allocation & Management Plan which was released by the Queensland Government on the 14 June 2000 has indicated that new storage diversion works including extensions and increase diversion rates, based on overland flow, will have a lower priority in receiving water share. Works not started before this date are at risk of not being recognized and therefore you may not be allowed to capture water in the event that the State Government feels it is necessary to exercise controls. Accordingly, it would be unwise to proceed with further development at this time. If you have any concerns about your situation you should contact the Department of Natural Resources in Toowoomba or... 

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
By law, the relevant Local Government Authority for locality must be informed of the application and afforded the opportunity to:

1. Comment on the reasonable requirements of the public in the locality; or
2. object to the grant of application on the grounds that the amenity, quiet or good order of the locality would be lessened.

If Council does not support the application, Council's comments or objection should include full particulars of:

- the grounds upon which the objection is made; and
- the facts, evidence or reasons upon which it is based.

The Chief Executive cannot rely on statements that merely indicate the Council does not support, or objects to the application.

Please note that any comments or objection provided may be referred to the applicant.

Please advise whether Council have any other comments on, or objections to, the grant of the application. Section 117(3) of the liquor Act 1992 provides that your comments or objection should be received by 22 November 2001.

Chief Executive’s Comments

The notice of application is attached as an Item. The proposal is to extend trading hours of Friday nights from 1 am to 2 am Saturday. It is recommended that Council offer no objection which is in line with requests from the young of town at the future search workshop in March 2001.

5. Renewal of the Approval to Construct 130 Ml Hillside Storage

Write this letter to the Chinchilla Shire Council to request renewal of the approval to construct 130 Ml Hillside Storage, catchment works and excavation sump for the purpose of crop irrigation on the land described as Lot 2 on [redacted] and Lot 298 on [redacted] Parish of Chinchilla.

As Council are aware we have the threat of Tarong Energy Corporation resuming this property for a Coal Mine. However at this stage it is still just a threat and they may pull out at any time and not go ahead with it. So to cover the scenario [redacted] would like to keep the Levee Bank Approval Alive.

[redacted] fully understand that they are also governed by DNR and will have to comply with their rules as well. But for the interim [redacted] would like to keep the approval alive with Council.

Chief Executive’s Comments

[redacted] were granted approval on 18 November 1999, to construct a Hillside Storage, catchment works and excavation sump for the purpose of crop irrigation on land described as Lot 2 on [redacted] and Lot 298 on [redacted] Parish of Chinchilla subject to the following conditions:
Friday, 12 October, 2001

CEO CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL
CHINCHILLA
QLD 4413

Dear [Name],

I write this letter to the Chinchilla Shire Council to request a renewal of the approval to construct 130 ML Hillside Storage, catchment works and excavation sump for the purpose of crop irrigation on land described as Lot 2 on [Lot 2] and Lot 298 on [Lot 298] Parish of chinchilla.

As council are aware we have the threat of Tarong Energy Corporation resuming this property for a Coal Mine. However at this stage it is still just a threat and they may pull out at any time and not go ahead with it. So to cover that scenario we would like to keep the Levee Bank Approval alive.

We fully understand that we are also governed by DNR and will have to comply with there rules as well. But for the interim we would just like to keep the approval alive with Council.

Yours faithfullly

[Name]
In Reply Please Quote: PF1983/5  

22 November 1999

PO Box  
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your application for approval to construct a Hillside storage, catchment works and excavation sump for the purpose of crop irrigation on land described as Lot 2 on RP206730 and Lot 298 on RP907455, Parish of Chinchilla.

I wish to advise that the application was considered by Council at the general meeting held on 18 November 1999 and that approval was granted for the structures subject to the following conditions:

i) That the initial approval be for a period of two years with provision to renew for a period to be determined by Council, at that time, provided that there are no problems arising as a result of the works.

ii) That the applicant provide evidence that the adjoining landholders have been notified of the overall scheme.

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vii) Construction shall commence within 12 months from the date of fulfillment of conditions and shall be completed within 2 years from the date of fulfillment of conditions.

Should you not agree with Council’s decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 942 of the Local Government Act, a copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PO Box 42 Chinchilla 4413
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In Reply Please Quote: PF1983/5

22 November 1999

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your application for approval to construct a Hillside storage, catchment works and excavation sump for the purpose of crop irrigation on land described as Lot 2 on _____ and Lot 298 on _____, Parish of Chinchilla.

I wish to advise that the application was considered by Council at the general meeting held on 18 November 1999 and that approval was granted for the structures subject to the following conditions:

i) That the initial approval be for a period of two years with provision to renew for a period to be determined by Council, at that time, provided that there are no problems arising as a result of the works.

ii) That the applicant provide evidence that the adjoining landholders have been notified of the overall scheme.

iii) That the construction be in accordance with sound engineering guidelines. The agricultural practices on the land shall also be in accordance with industry Best Practices Guidelines.

iv) The applicant shall be solely responsible for repairing any damage as a result of soil erosion or whatever associated with the proposal on the abovementioned lots and any lots affected by the structure.

v) That the owner confirms with the Department of Natural Resources the road easement adjacent to the scheme (confusion exists whether the easement width is 20 or 40 metres, and construct works relative to the advised easement width as shown on the plans).

vi) This scheme is approved on the basis of a 130 Ml storage reservoir and 31 hectare flood irrigation proposal and should further development be required, or the works operated in conjunction with structures on Lot 74 on Plan LY769, such will require a further submission for assessment at that time.

vii) Construction shall commence within 12 months from the date of fulfillment of conditions and shall be completed within 2 years from the date of fulfillment of conditions.

Should you not agree with Council’s decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 942 of the Local Government Act, a copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

BC
Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 473
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

For your information.

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
15th November, 1999

The Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCHELLA Qld 4413

Dear Sir,

Levee Bank Application

Re:

Applicant:

Land Description: Lot 2 on ___ and Lot 298 on ___ Parish of Chinchilla.

Land Owner:

Tenure of Land: Freehold/Leasehold, Rural A

Nature of Work: Hillside storage and catchment works and excavated sump.

Purpose of Work: Crop irrigation – works are standalone and/or form part of a larger scheme on Lot ___

Permit Required: The owner has requested a period of 2 years for the permit.

Advertising: The application has been advertised on 19 and 26 August 1999 in accordance with Section 938 (2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1993, calling for support or objection for the proposal closing with Council on 17 September 1999.

Support or Objection: Council was in the receipt of no objection with regards to the proposal.
BACKGROUND

This revised application forms the third amendment to plans, with the original plans lodged on 22 April 1999 lacking sufficient details to proceed with the assessment process at that time.

Following the second submission of plans, a meeting was held with the Department of Natural Resources (Chinchilla) with the following concerns raised.

1. Lack of room to recover the by-wash water within the owner's property.

2. Possible diversion of water away from the western catchment, by the location of the storage embankment and subsequent eastern by-wash.

3. Erosion to Councils existing road easement.

4. Lack of dimensional details between the property boundary and earthworks.

5. The steepness of the topography for flood irrigation.

6. The size of the storage capacity in the proposed catchment and any subsequent catchment redirection to the adjoining Lot 74.

DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION

The application allows for the storage of 130 Ml of collected overland flow from an adjacent property and runoff, to be used for 31 hectares of flood irrigation. The irrigation area is identified to the south of the proposed storage.

The scheme has been designed on the assumption that 6.5 Ml of water per hectare will be required for cotton under flood irrigation arrangements (200 Ml). It is believed that in 50% of years run-off from the catchment (330 hectares) will equal or exceed 90 Ml. A sump capacity of 18.5 Ml has been allowed, which would contain the first 50 mm of overland run-off under Cotton Best Management Practices.

Further the by-wash has been designed to occur on the eastern side of the storage, with an area of 60 m level surface provided with both rock protection and grassed to prevent erosion.

The irrigation area consists of two fields with flow direction back towards the north of the fields as detailed in plan number 5.

Attached are plans for consideration.
vi) This scheme is approved on the basis of a 130 Ml storage reservoir and 31 hectare flood irrigation proposal and should further development be required, such will require a further submission for assessment at that time.

Yours faithfully,
G J BRANDON & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD

(Director)
HYDRANT

PLASTIC FLUMING

AREA ABOVE FLUMING
FOR DRYLAND CROPPING

DIRECTION

TBM 1 EL 54,740
Screw in top of post

OVERLAND FLOW
TO SUMP

DRYLAND

EDGE OF IRR

IRRIGATED - 31 Hectares

BM EL 50,000
Screw in top of post

DATE: 10/11/1999

DRAWN I.S.R

SHEET 5 OF 6
15th November, 1999

The Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
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Dear Sir,

Levee Bank Application

Re:

Applicant:

Land Description: Lot 2 on RP [redacted] and Lot 298 on RP [redacted] Parish of Chinchilla.

Land Owner:

Tenure of Land: Freehold/Leasehold, Rural A

Nature of Work: Hillside storage and catchment works and excavated sump.

Purpose of Work: Crop irrigation – works are standalone and/or form part of a larger scheme on Lot 74 [redacted]

Permit Required: The owner has requested a period of 2 years for the permit.

Advertising: The application has been advertised on 19 and 26 August 1999 in accordance with Section 938 (2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1993, calling for support or objection for the proposal closing with Council on 17 September 1999.

Support or Objection: Council was in the receipt of no objection with regards to the proposal.
CONSULTATION

During a meeting held on site on 17 November 1999, discussions were held with respect to the following items.

1. The possible water sharing arrangement with a ring tank proposal and separate irrigation area on Lot 74 LY 769 as detailed in the original application.

   The applicant advised that this proposal would be for a standalone project consisting of 130 Ml storage reservoir with a 31 hectare flood irrigation and would not involve the sharing with another ring tank proposed on Lot 74 without further application for assessment.

2. Determination of reservoir embankment location with respect to a catchment to the western side of the reservoir. A modification to plans lodged in June indicates a change to embankment location to allow this catchment to the North-west of the scheme to be unimpeded as was previously occurring.

3. A clarification on area to be irrigated was identified and explained by the applicant. This satisfied concern on overland flow path proposals and current land topography.

4. Discussions were also held on the width of a road easement adjacent to the property as to whether this was either 20 or 40 metres. The applicant has been referred to the Department of Lands to obtain clarification of this issue.

CONSIDERATIONS

Council could consider approving the irrigation scheme on land described as Lot 2 and Lot 298 Parish of Chinchilla, subject to the following conditions:-

i) That the initial approval be for a period of two years with provision to renew for a period to be determined by Council, at that time, provided that there are no problems arising as a result of the works.

ii) That the applicant provide evidence that the adjoining landholders have been notified of the overall scheme.

iii) That the construction be in accordance with sound engineering guidelines. The agriculture practices on the land shall also be in accordance with industry Best Practices Guidelines.

iv) The applicant shall be solely responsible for repairing any damage as a result of soil erosion or whatever associated with the proposal on the abovementioned lots and any lots affected by the structure.

v) That the owner confirms with the Department of Lands the road easement adjacent to the scheme (confusion exists whether the easement width is 20 or 40 metres), and construct works relative to the advised easement width as shown on the plans.
TECHNICAL REPORT

PROPOSED IRRIGATION SCHEME

REDESIGN INVESTIGATION NOVEMBER 1999

General

This design report refers to the proposed irrigation storage and associated irrigation scheme to be located on Mr. Usher's property "Craignore" which is approximately 10 kilometres to the south east of Chinchilla.

It is proposed to construct a hillside storage and associated collection sump on the site selected, approximately 700 metres to the north of the homestead. This storage will collect overland flow from adjacent properties and runoff from the proposed 31 hectare flood irrigation scheme for cotton. The irrigation block is located to the south of the proposed storage and spans a broad ridge. Details of the proposed project are described below.

Irrigation Area

The area to the south of the proposed storage is presently a dryland cropping block and it is proposed to develop approximately 31 hectares of the block into an area suitable for flood irrigation of cotton. This will involve minimal laser leveling of the existing block and the installation of an underground mainline from the proposed sump to supply irrigation water to a plastic fluming type distribution system.

Due to the uneven shape of the boundaries of the proposed block the row lengths vary from 450 metres to 1150 metres. Long irrigation runs (over 900 metres) are not efficient. Often the upper part of the area is over watered in irrigating to lower part of the block. Thus it is proposed to divide the area into two blocks by an access road and tail drain system. (see sheet 5) The top block would have run lengths of approximately 450 metres while the lower block run lengths are around 650 metres. This will also make the system easier to manage through keeping irrigation times approximately similar within a particular block.

Drainage works will consist of tail drains at the lower ends of each block and a collection drain from block 1 running down the eastern side of block 2 to discharge block 1 tail water to the sump. Drains have been designed with a peak flow capacity equivalent to a 1 in 10 year storm discharge. (see sheet 6)

Flood irrigation of cotton currently uses an average of approximately 6.5 megalitres of water per hectare around the district. Thus to irrigate the proposed 31 hectare block will require on average 200 megaliters of irrigation water.

Catchment

The catchment area above the proposed storage has been estimated from topographic maps to be approximately 330 hectares.

The catchment consists of Brigalow scrub soils with cropping, improved pasture and native pasture being the predominate land uses.
An estimate of runoff from catchment containing Brigalow type soils is difficult due to the
difference in runoff potential depending on how “wet” the catchment is at the time of the particular
rainfall event. Therefore it is usual to be conservative when estimating runoff from these catchments.

An analysis of the catchment using the U.S.D.A runoff model for small catchments and 30
year rainfall records for Chinchilla has indicated that in 50% of years runoff from the catchment will
equal or exceed 90 megalitres while in 3 out 4 years (75%) runoff will equal or exceed 23 megalitres.
These figures could increase up to 150 megalitres and 52 megalitres respectively, depending on the
effect of the “wetness” of the catchment. Because the 31 hectare cropping area is proposed to be
irrigated it will act slightly differently to the rest of the catchment producing an additional 9
megalitres in 75% of years and 21 megalitres in 50% of years. Thus the combined catchment has the
potential to produce 111 megalitres in 50% of years with the possibility of 170 megalitres in some
years.

It should be pointed out that estimation of runoff from small farm catchments is not an exact
science and further research is being conducted to improve the knowledge of how catchments react to
high intensity and short duration rainfall events. However the above mentioned runoff volumes should
be suitable for long term project planning.

Storage

The proposed hillside storage consists of a U shaped embankment which is to be located
across a broad based depression near the entrance to Mr Usher’s property.

A materials investigation has been carried out on the site to determine the suitability of the
soils for embankment construction. Soils on the site have been visually classified as clays and sandy
clays. Some of the soils tested have indicated dispersive properties. Dispersive soils combined with
poor compaction have accounted for more farm dam failures than any other mode of failure
combined. It is possible to construct a reliable earth embankment for an on farm storage using
dispersive soils providing correct moisture control and proper compaction techniques are utilised.

The proposed embankment is to be constructed as a homogenous earth embankment with a
compacted central clay core and compacted clay cutoff. The embankment will have a maximum
height of 4.1 metres with a crest length of 855 metres and a crest width of 4 metres.

Batter slopes on the proposed embankment will be 3 to 1, both upstream and downstream.
The cutoff trench is expected to be approximately 0.5 m deep along most of its length
however this will be subject to variation on site. Both cutoff and core are to be 3 metres minimum
width. Cutoff should extend at least 300 mm into suitable clay material.

Approximately 32 000 cubic metres of compacted earth and clay fill would be required to
construct the 4.1 metre high embankment, plus some 1600 cubic metres of material to be removed and
replaced in the cutoff trench. Approximately 19 000 cubic metres of this material will be removed
from the excavated sump below the embankment while the remainder will be obtained from inside the
storage area and the bywash cut.

The storage impounded upstream of the proposed embankment is estimated to be
approximately 130 megalitres excluding the proposed sump. Thus total storage including sump would
be 148.5 megalitres.

Bywash

Excess flows from the catchment will be diverted through a bywash, to be located at the left
bank end (looking downstream) of the proposed embankment, and returned to the depression (and
proposed sump) downstream of the embankment. The bywash consists of a flat bench cut in a semi-
circular pattern at the end of the embankment with inlet and outlet levels equivalent to Full Supply
Level. Inlet and outlet width on the proposed bywash will be 60 metres.

Bywash width has been calculated based on discharge from a 1 in 100 year storm event on
the catchment and assuming approximately 0.5 m depth flow through the bywash.

Rock protection works will be required to prevent flows through the bywash from eroding the
downstream end and toe of the embankment. Protection works will consist of hand placed rock
extending from approximately the centre line of the embankment to a point approximately 2 metres downstream of the bywash outlet and to a height of 0.5 m above natural surface.

Material excavated during bywash construction will be utilised in construction of the embankment.

Bywash return slopes spread bywash flows and reduce water velocities by having good grass cover on the return slope. Thus it is important to establish and maintain grass cover on return slopes to prevent erosion.

Excavated Sump

It is proposed that an excavated sump will also be constructed downstream of the embankment to collect tailwater and runoff from the irrigation block located to the south of the proposed storage.

Water will be collected via drains which will discharge at natural surface level above the sump allowing water to flow over a grassed inlet area to the sump.

The proposed sump would have a capacity of approximately 18.5 megalitres with a maximum depth of cut of approximately 2.9 metres. The sump has sufficient capacity to store the volume of water equating to 50 mm of runoff from the proposed irrigation block.

Water stored in the sump will be able to be pumped to the irrigation block or into the storage for later use.

Material excavated during construction of the sump will be utilised for construction of the centre section of the embankment.

Conclusion

This project is a redesign of the project submitted to the Chinchilla Shire Council in July/Aug and incorporates changes requested by council.

If you require any further details or wish to discuss any part of this project please contact me on [redacted]

Regards

Chinchilla Irrigation and Pumping
RIGHT BANK END EMB

CREST WIDTH 4.0 M

BATTER SLOPES 3:1

CLAY CORE WIDTH 3.0 M

MAX EMBANKMENT HEIGHT 4.1 M

FREEBOARD 0.9 M

HAND PLACED ROCK PITCHING TO BE INSTALLED ON EMBANKMENT AT BYWASH OUTLET

LEFT BANK BYWASH

CREST 1.5 M WIDE
BATTER SLOPES 2:1

FREEBOARD 0.3 M

BED WIDTH 3.0 M

CUT DEPTH 0.2 M

BATTER SLOPE 5:1

FREEBOARD 0.9 M

BYWASH EL 52.0

BYWASH CUT 0.7 M MAX

BYWASH OUTLET WIDTH 60 M

TYPICAL EMBANKMENT SECTION

TAIL DRAIN SECTION

DATE: 09/11/1999

- BYWASH DETAIL

Scale:

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SHEET 2 OF 6
EXCAVATED SUMP CAPACITY 18.5 ML Approx

SUMP TO BE CONSTRUCTED WITH 5 M CLEARANCE FROM EMBANKMENT PARALLEL TO EMBANKMENT CREST

END BATTER SLOPES 4:1

INLET AREA

GRASS COVER TO BE ESTABLISHED UPSTREAM OF SUMP TO REDUCE EROSION

BASE OF SUMP - EL. 46.4
MAX DEPTH 2.9 M

BATTER SLOPE 3:1

HAND PLACED ROCK PROTECTION TO BE PLACED AT OUTLET OF SUMP

OUTLET LEVEL EL 48.80

BATTER SLOPE 3:1

EDGE OF SUMP 10 M FROM ROAD RESERVE PARALLEL TO ROAD BOUNDARY

MATERIAL EXCAVATED FROM SUMP TO BE UTILISED IN EMBANKMENT CONSTRUCTION

DATE: 08/11/1999

- SUMP DETAIL Scale: 1 : 1000 DRAWN I.S.R SHEET 3 OF 6
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EXTRA MATERIAL WILL NEED TO BE
BROUGHT IN TO CONSTRUCT ROAD SECTION

COMPACTED GRAVEL SURFACE

ROAD WIDTH 3.0 M

FREEBOARD 0.3 M

CUT DEPTH 0.2 M

PLASTIC FLUMING

BANK HEIGHT 0.5 M

BATTER SLOPES 3:1

BED WIDTH 3.0 M

BATTER SLOPE 5:1

ACCESS ROAD - TAIL DRAIN SECTION

CREST WIDTH 2.0 M

FREEBOARD 0.3 M

CUT DEPTH 0.3 M

BANK HEIGHT 0.5 M

BATTER SLOPES 2:1

BED WIDTH 4.0 M

BATTER SLOPE 5:1

DRAIN SECTION - AREA 1 TO SUMP

CREST 1.5 M WIDE

FREEBOARD 0.3 M

CUT DEPTH 0.2 M

BATTER SLOPES 2:1

BED WIDTH 3.0 M

BATTER SLOPE 5:1

TAIL DRAIN SECTION

DATE: 09/11/1999

- DRAIN DETAIL | Scale: | DRAWN I.S.R | SHEET 6 OF 6
9 August 1999

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your application for the proposed construction of a Hillside Storage, catchment works and excavated sump works for the purpose of Crop irrigation on land described as Lot 2 on [obscured] and Lot 298 on [obscured] Parish of Chinchilla lodged on 21st April 1999.

I wish to advise again that Council is unable to fully assess your application on the following points;

1. Lack of details on irrigation scheme proposal, as listed in the “Excavated Sump” portion of the technical report. This will include embankment to collect tailwater and runoff for irrigation block to south.
2. Details on bywash location in relation to storage structure.
3. Overall plan including both irrigation scheme and storage dam.

The application has been again placed on hold pending receipt of the abovementioned information and once received further assessment will continue.

Council awaits the receipts on the required information.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
TECHNICAL REPORT

PROPOSED IRRIGATION STORAGE

DESIGN INVESTIGATION JUNE 1999

General

This design report refers to the proposed irrigation storage to be located on property “Craigmoor” which is approximately 10 kilometres to the south east of Chinchilla.

It is proposed to construct a hillside storage and associated collection sump on the site selected , approximately 700 metres to the north of the homestead. This storage will collect overland flow from adjacent properties and runoff from the existing 50 hectare cropping area.

Details of the proposed project are described below.

Catchment

The catchment area above the proposed storage has been estimated from topographic maps to be approximately 330 hectares.

The catchment consists of Brigalow scrub soils with cropping , improved pasture and native pasture being the predominate land uses.

An estimate of runoff from catchment containing Brigalow type soils is difficult due to the difference in runoff potential depending on how “wet” the catchment is at the time of the particular rainfall event. Therefore it is usual to be conservative when estimating runoff from these catchments.

An analysis of the catchment using the U.S.D.A runoff model for small catchments and 30 year rainfall records for Chinchilla has indicated that in 50% of years runoff from the catchment will equal or exceed 90 megalitres while in 3 out 4 years (75%) runoff will equal or exceed 23 megalitres.

These figures could increase up to 150 megalitres and 52 megalitres respectively, depending on the effect of the “wetness” of the catchment. Because the 50 hectare cropping area is proposed to be irrigated it will act slightly differently to the rest of the catchment producing an additional 8 megalitres in 75% of years and 30 megalitres in 50% of years. Thus the combined catchment has the potential to produce 120 megalitres in 50% of years with the possibility of 180 megalitres in some years.

It should be pointed out that estimation of runoff from small farm catchments is not an exact science and further research is being conducted to improve the knowledge of how catchments react to high intensity and short duration rainfall events. However the above mentioned runoff volumes should be suitable for long term project planning.

Storage

The proposed hillside storage consists of a U shaped embankment which is to be located across a broad based depression near the entrance to the property.

A materials investigation has been carried out on the site to determine the suitability of the soils for embankment construction. Soils on the site have been visually classified as clays and sandy clays. Some of the soils tested have indicated dispersive properties. Dispersive soils combined with poor compaction have accounted for more farm dam failures than any other mode of failure combined. It is possible to construct a reliable earth embankment for an on farm storage using dispersive soils providing correct moisture control and proper compaction techniques are utilised.
The proposed embankment is to be constructed as a homogenous earth embankment with a compacted central clay core and compacted clay cutoff. The embankment will have a maximum height of 4.1 metres with a crest length of 760 metres and a crest width of 4 metres.

Batter slopes on the proposed embankment will be 3 to 1, both upstream and downstream.

The cutoff trench is expected to be approximately 0.5 m deep along most of its length however this will be subject to variation on site. Both cutoff and core are to be 3 metres minimum width. Cutoff should extend at least 300 mm into suitable clay material.

Approximately 30 000 cubic metres of compacted earth and clay fill would be required to construct the 4.1 metre high embankment, plus some 1200 cubic metres of material to be removed and replaced in the cutoff trench. Approximately 19 000 cubic metres of this material will be removed from inside the storage area while the remainder will be excavated from the sump.

The storage impounded upstream of the proposed embankment is estimated to be approximately 127 megalitres excluding the proposed sump.

Bywash

Excess flows from the catchment will be diverted through a bywash, to be located at each end of the proposed embankment, and returned to the depression downstream of the embankment. Bywashes consist of a flat bench cut at each end of the embankment with inlet and outlet levels equivalent to Full Supply Level. Outlet width on both bywashes will be 30 metres.

Bywash width has been calculated based on discharge from a 1 in 100 year storm event on the catchment and assuming approximately 0.5m depth flow through the bywash.

Rock protection works will be required to prevent flows through the bywash from eroding the downstream end and toe of the embankment. Protection works will consist of hand placed rock extending from approximately the centre line of the embankment to a point approximately 2 metres downstream of the bywash outlet and to a height of 0.5 m above natural surface.

Material excavated during bywash construction will be utilised in construction of the embankment.

Bywash return slopes spread bywash flows and reduce water velocities by having good grass cover on the return slope. Thus it is important to establish and maintain grass cover on return slopes to prevent erosion.

Excavated Sump

It is proposed that an excavated sump will also be constructed downstream of the embankment to collect tailwater and runoff from the irrigation block located to the south of the proposed storage.

Water will be collected via a catch drain to be located at the lower end of the irrigation block between the irrigation block and the sump. The catch drain will discharge at natural surface level above the sump allowing water to flow over a grassed inlet area to the sump.

The proposed sump would have a capacity of approximately 11 megalitres and is rectangular in shape, with a maximum depth of approximately 2.5 metres.

Water stored in the sump will be pumped to the irrigation block or into the storage for later use.

Material excavated during construction of the sump will be utilised for construction of the centre section of the embankment.

Conclusion

If you require any further details or wish to discuss any part of this project please contact me on [Contact Information]

Regards

[Signatory]

Chinchilla Irrigation and Pumping
BATTER SLOPES 2:1

BYWASH CUT 0.5 M MAX

BYWASH - EL 52.0

FREEBOARD 0.9 M

BYWASH OUTLET WIDTH 30 M

HAND PLACED ROCK PITCHING TO BE INSTALLED ON EMBANKMENT AT BYWASH OUTLET

RIGHT BANK BYWASH

BATTER SLOPES 2:1

FREEBOARD 0.9 M

BYWASH EL 52.0

BYWASH CUT 0.3 M MAX

BYWASH OUTLET WIDTH 30 M

LEFT BANK BYWASH

CREST WIDTH 4.0 M

BATTER SLOPES 3:1

MAX EMBANKMENT HEIGHT 4.1 M

CLAY CORE WIDTH 3.0 M

TYPICAL EMBANKMENT SECTION

FREEBOARD 0.3 M

CUT DEPTH 0.3 M

BED WIDTH 3.0 M

TAIL DRAIN SECTION

DATE: 14/07/1999

- BYWASH DETAIL

Scale:

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SHEET 2 OF 5
EXCAVATED SUMP DETAIL

DATE: 14/07/1999

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EXCAVATED SUMP CAPACITY 11.0 ML Approx

END BATTER SLOPES 4:1

INLET AREA

BASE OF SUMP - EL. 46.6
MAX DEPTH 2.5 M

BATTER SLOPE 3:1

GRASS COVER TO BE ESTABLISHED
UPSTREAM OF SUMP TO REDUCE EROSION

OUTLET

HAND PLACED ROCK PROTECTION
TO BE PLACED AT OUTLET OF SUMP

40 M

160 M

SCALE: 1:1000

DRAWN I.S.R

SHEET 3 OF 5
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TEST HOLE NO. 3

TEST HOLE NO. 1
0.0 0.2
Black Topsoil
Brown Clay (CL)
(ND)
1.2
Brown Clay (CL)
(D)
2.0

TEST HOLE NO. 2
0.0 0.2
Black Topsoil
Black Clay (CL)
(ND)
0.5
Brown Clay (CL)
(D)
2.0

TEST HOLE NO. 3
0.0 0.2
Brown Topsoil
Brown Clay (CL)
(N.D.)
1.0
Brown Clay (CL)
(D)
2.0

TEST HOLE NO. 4
0.0 0.2
Brown Topsoil
Brown Clay (CL)
(ND)
1.2
Grey Clay (CL)
(D)
2.0

TEST HOLE NO. 5
0.0 0.2
Red/Brown Sandy Topsoil
Brown Sandy Clay: (5% Cl)
(D)
2.0

TEST HOLE NO. 6
0.0 0.2
Brown Topsoil
Brown Clay (CL)
(D)
1.3
Brown Clay: (CL)
(D)
2.0

NOTES: Soils visually classified only; D - Indicates Dispersive; ND - Non Dispersive

DATE: 14/07/1999

- TEST HOLE LOGS

Scale: DRAWN I.S.R

SHEET 4 OF 5
In Reply Please Quote: PF1983/5
27 April, 1999

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your recent application lodged for the proposed construction of a Hillside Storage, catchment works and excavated sump works for the purpose of crop irrigation on land described as Lot 2 on Map and Lot 298 on Parish of Chinchilla.

I wish to advise that Council is unable to consider the application due to the lack of detail provided as required in accordance with item 10 and 11 of the application, namely:-

10) Plan of the property, strictly to scale of 1:10,000 showing position of streams (if any), direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.

11) Plan to scale of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

With regard to the above clauses, Council requires the submission of plans prepared by a suitably qualified consultant, which show the full extent of the proposal before advertising, calling for objections or comments.

Also a standard condition of Council's approvals are that evidence be presented to the effect that adjoining landholder's have been advised of the proposal and as such, I would advise that once the plans are completed you should discuss the proposal with adjoining landholders.

The application, due to it not being complete will be held and not acted upon until Council is in receipt of the required documentation prepared by a suitably qualified consultant.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

1. Full Name of Applicant: [Redacted]

2. Postal Address: PO Box Chinchilla

3. Location of work (see also 10) Country: LYTTON Parish: CHINCHILLA

4. Real Property Description: Lot 2, [Redacted] Lot 298

5. Area: 10.7 Ha


7. Purpose of Work: CROP IRRIGATION WORKS ARE PART OF A LARGER SCHEME ON VESSELS UPHILL PROPERTY

8. Particulars of Work (if levee bank - [Redacted])

   a. Total length of levee bank: 1100 metres
   b. Maximum height: 3.5 metres
   c. Width of top: 3 metres
   d. Width of base: 20 metres
   e. Materials of which bank will be constructed: EARTH + CLAYS

9. If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much? [Redacted]

10. Height of top of bank above highest known flood level: APPROX 4 METERS

11. Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation)

   a. Total length: 250 metres
   b. Maximum depth: 3 metres
   c. Width of top: 9.2 metres
   d. Width at base: 10 metres
   e. State nature of soil at site: BRIGALOW RELAH CLAYS
STORAGE EMBANKMENT CROSS-SECTIONS

Scale 1 : 200

Crest width 3.0 m

3.1 Batter slopes

Max Emb ht 4.5 m

Compacted clay core/cutoff

TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION RINGTANK

Crest width 3.0 m

3.1 Batter slopes

3.6 Batter slope

Max Emb ht 3.6 m

Compacted clay core/cutoff

TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION HILLSIDE STORAGE
11 August 2000

The Chief Executive Officer  
Chinchilla Shire Council  
PO Box 42  
CHINCHELLA QLD 4413

Dear Sir

APPEAL: SECTION 942 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993  

[Redacted] v – Chinchilla Shire Council

[Redacted] have made a submission to the chief executive withdrawing their appeal against Council's decision in respect of their application for levee bank works on Lot [Redacted] Parish Chinchilla.

I confirm that the withdrawal of the appeal has been noted in the record and that the appeal has been removed from the list of matters for hearing.

A copy of [Redacted] submission is attached for Council's information.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

for EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

[Signature]

17/8/2000

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
Queensland Government

Enquiries 1300 36 63 62  
Mineral House, 41 George Street, Brisbane Q 4000  
GPO Box 2454 Brisbane Q 4001  
Telephone: (07) 3224 7378 Facsimile: (07) 3224 8359
1 August 2000

Dear [Redacted] and Whomever It May Concern,

We, [Redacted] of Glen Wilga, Chinchilla are the owners of Lot 1602 on the Parish of Chinchilla. On March 3 2000 we submitted to the Department a formal appeal against a decision of the Chinchilla Shire Council regarding an application for approval of earthworks for irrigation and tailwater system on this land.

At that time it was the preference of all concerned that the matter be dealt with and resolved at a local level. Fortunately ensuing discussions with the Council and the Objectors and Ourselves has resulted in an outcome satisfactory to all concerned parties.

We write to the department to formally withdraw our objection to the Department regarding this matter.

Thank you for your role in encouraging this process.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]
Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Permit Application —

Reference is made to Council’s letter dated 17 February 2000 and the without prejudice meeting between the applicant, objectors and Council representatives held on the 6 April 2000, following the submission of a Management Report on the operation of the structures on adjoining Lot 1602 on [redacted] Parish of Chinchilla.

At the meeting of Chinchilla Shire Council held on the 20 April 2000, Council reconsidered the decision of 15 February 2000 for the earthworks for irrigation and tailwater system to be constructed on land described as Lot 1602 on [redacted] Parish of Chinchilla and decided to grant approval for a Levee Bank Permit subject to the following conditions:—

i) That the initial approval be for a period of two (2) years with provision for renewal for a period to be determined by Council at the time provided there are no problems arising as a result of the works.

ii) That the applicant be solely responsible for repairing any damage as a result of soil erosion or whatever associated with the proposal on Lot 1602 on [redacted] and any lots affected downstream of the structure.

iii) Construction of the works shall commence within 6 months of this approval and shall be completed within 12 months.

iv) That the construction be in accordance with sound engineering guidelines. The agricultural practices on the land shall also be in accordance with industry best practice guidelines.

v) Banks for storage areas 1 be modified or moved to allow for a clearance dimension of 10 metres from the property boundary as per Council policy.

vi) Maintain conditions as advised to Council in correspondence 30 November 1999, (as listed above) until construction works are complete.

vii) Maintain storage areas in a state that allows for containment of the first 25mm of runoff water.

With regards to an appeal period for this decision you have in accordance with the Local Government Act Section 942 (copy attached) a further appeal period will be applicable from the date of this letter.

The Department of Natural Resources will receive a copy of this correspondence.

Yours faithfully,  

[Redacted]

BC  Executive Director  
BC  Resource Management

Department of Natural Resources  
GPO Box 2454  
BRISBANE Q 4001

For your information.

[Redacted]

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government.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(4) If a person convicted of an offence against subsection (3) continues to commit the offence, the person commits a continuing offence.

Maximum penalty—1 penalty unit for each day on which the offence is continued.

Division 3—Appeals

Appeal against local government’s decision

942.(1) An appeal tribunal for hearing and deciding appeals against decisions of a local government on an application is formed by the chief executive of the department within which the Water Resources Act 1989 is administered or that chief executive’s delegate.

(2) A person aggrieved by a decision of a local government on an application may appeal to an appeal tribunal.

(3) The appeal must be started within 30 days after the person aggrieved is given written notice of the decision.

(4) The appeal is started by the person filing a notice of appeal with the chief executive mentioned in subsection (1) and giving a copy of the notice to the local government.

(5) As soon as practicable after the appeal is started, the chief executive officer of the local government must inform the chief executive mentioned in subsection (1) of the persons, other than the appellant, who made the application and who made submissions on the application.

(6) The person who is to form the appeal tribunal on the appeal must inform the appellant, the local government, and the persons mentioned in subsection (5) of the day, time and place for hearing of the appeal.

Decision on appeal

943.(1) An appeal tribunal may—

(a) dismiss an appeal and confirm the decision of the local
In Reply Please Quote: PF1981/5

11 May 2000

‘BlairAthol’ MS
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

“Ulmarr” MS
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Permit Application – M & M Jones

Reference is made to Council’s letter dated 17 February 2000 and the without prejudice meeting between the applicant, objectors and Council representatives held on the 6 April 2000, following the submission of a Management Report on the operation of the structures on the adjoining Lot 1602, on [Redacted] Parish of Chinchilla.

At the meeting of Chinchilla Shire Council held on the 20 April 2000, Council reconsidered the decision of 15 February 2000 for the earthworks for irrigation and tailwater system to be constructed on land described as Lot 1602 on [Redacted] Parish of Chinchilla on land described as Lot 1602 on [Redacted] Parish of Chinchilla and decided to grant approval for a Levee Bank Permit subject to the following conditions:-

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
23 March 2000

The Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCHILLA QLD 4413

Dear Sir

APPEAL:  SECTION 942 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

- v - Chinchilla Shire Council

I confirm that an appeal has been lodged by MP and MK Jones against Council’s decision in respect of their application for levee bank works on Lot 1602 Parish Chinchilla.

I understand from recent discussions with you that a copy of the notice of the appeal has been served on Council in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993. I also acknowledge your advice that negotiations are proposed to continue between Council and the appellants with a view to resolving the matter and note that the appellants have provided similar advice.

The appeal has been registered in the Department’s records. However, in the circumstances, it is not intended to list the matter for hearing pending the completion of the negotiations.

If the appeal is to proceed, I will revert to you to obtain full details of the relevant application and decision.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

for EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
1st March 2000

Chief Executive
Chinchilla Shire Council
P.O. Box 42,
CHINCILLA, Q., 4413.

Dear Chief Executive and Council,

MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR TAILWATER RECYCLING SCHEME

LOT 1602 -

Thankyou for your attendance at the non prejudice meeting held with [REDACTED] and the Levee bank committee on Tuesday February 22 at 1100hrs.

In response to that meeting we seek to establish an understanding with Council and concerned others of the management of the proposed recycling scheme designed by [REDACTED] in October 1999.

We refer Council back to the detailed technical report and its associated plans where it has already been established that the proposed storage constructions consist of two collection points.

Storage one contains three separate cells of storage at the eastern end of the irrigation block. This is to provide maximum storage as water can be released via flap valve system from cells 1 to 2 to 3. By utilising a pump at the crest of cell three this enables water to be recycled through the existing mainline to the head ditch. This storage is approximately 7.5 megalitres and as proposed will have associated diversion drains for this recycling purpose. (See Storage one and Bywash storage one / Page 1/2 of technical report)

Storage two consists of a single hillside storage at the western end of the block. This proposed embankment has an estimated 12 megalitres and excess flow once again is diverted through the bywash. Again by utilising a pump site on the northern end the water will be recycled through the mainline to the head ditch. (See Storage two and Bywash storage two / Page 2/3 of technical report)
The plan to manage the sumps and sump water are based on the Chinchilla Shire Council Policy and Best Management Practices for the Cotton Industry to retain the first 25mm of run off from the treated area.

We intend to utilise the proposed system to allow us to manage the sump water collected to maintain the sumps in an empty state by essentially recycling the water as previously proposed.

This is managed by two pump station sites placed at existing hydrants. The sump water can be pumped via the existing 200dia AC underground mainline (Currently running adjacent to the sumps) to the existing four way gate valve system at the head ditches.

Prior to direct river pumping for irrigation we will endeavour to utilise this system to recycle the water in the sumps (via the detailed system) for irrigation purposes thus maintaining an empty sump to collect the required first 25mm of run off in a rain event.

Additionally, we reiterate that the proposed system has the ability to retain 50mm. This allows for, in the event of a second runoff (ie storm event) on potentially already sprayed and irrigated ground, the sumps to retain a second 25mm.

We refer Council to our letter of November 30 1999 regarding interim management measures implemented. The management points stated were based on Best practice principles and we remain committed to managing our farming on these principles.

Please do not hesitate to contact us further,

Yours Faithfully,
To provide sufficient storage each cell is required to have a different crest level. Thus to allow water to be released from cell one to cell three via cell two a 100 Dia PVC outlet pipe will be installed between cells one and two and two and three. Flow in the outlet pipe will be controlled by a simple flap valve arrangement. Location of the outlet pipes will be determined on site once initial setting out has been completed so that location in relation to borrow excavation is correct.

A diesel driven pump unit will be located on the crest of cell three to allow water to be recycled through the mainline to the head ditch.

Approximately 5300 cubic metres of compacted earth and clay fill would be required to construct the proposed embankment. In addition, a further 1000 cubic metres of material will be required to be removed and replaced in construction of the cut-off.

The cut-off trench is expected to be approximately 0.5 to 0.7 m deep. However this will be subject to variation on site.

All construction material shall be removed from inside the storage area and the bywash cuts, no external borrow areas are required.

The storage impounded upstream of the proposed embankment in the three separate cells is estimated to be approximately 7.5 megalitres.

Runoff from the irrigation block will be diverted via tail drains installed on a grade of 1 in 1000.

Bywash Storage One

Excess flows from the irrigation block will be diverted through bywashes to be located at each left bank end of the proposed cells. The bywashes consist of a level bench cut at the end of the embankment with grassed return slopes to reduce erosive velocities. Thus excess volume from cell one will discharge into cell two and excess from cell two will discharge into cell three. Therefore there will be three different bywash levels because each cell has a different full supply level.

Bywash width has been calculated based on the estimated discharge from a 1 in 100 year storm event on the irrigation area following an irrigation cycle and assuming a 0.5 metre flow over the bywash bench (ie the block is already wet). Inlet and outlet width for the proposed bywashes are 5 metres.

Rock protection works will also be required on the ends and downstream toe of the embankment at the bywash outlet to prevent erosion by flows through the bywash. Protection works will consist of hand placed rock extending from approximately the centre line of the embankment to a point approximately 2 metres downstream of the bywash outlet and to a height of 0.5 m above natural surface level.

The bywash return slopes spread bywash flows and reduce water velocities by the use of good grass cover on the return slope. Thus it is important to establish and maintain good grass cover on the return slopes to prevent erosion.

Storage Two

Storage two is proposed as a single hillside type storage to be located on the western end of block two on the southern side of the existing mainline. The proposed embankment is to be constructed as an homogenous earth embankment with a central compacted clay core and compacted clay cut-off. This embankment will have a maximum height of approximately 2.85 metres, with a crest length of 230 metres and batter slopes (upstream & downstream) of 3 to 1. Crest width will be 3 metres.

Approximately 6300 cubic metres of compacted earth and clay fill would be required to construct the 2.85 metre high embankment. A further 480 cubic metres of material will be removed and replaced in construction of the cut-off.
The cut-off trench is expected to be approximately 0.5 to 0.7 m deep. However this will be subject to variation on site.

All construction material shall be removed from inside the storage area and the bywash cuts, no external borrow areas are required.

The storage impounded upstream of the proposed embankment is estimated to be approximately 12 megalitres.

Runoff from the irrigation block will be diverted via tail drains installed on a grade of 1 in 1000.

**Bywash Storage Two**

Excess flows from irrigation block 2 will be diverted through a bywash, to be located at each end of the proposed embankment. The bywashes consist of a level bench cut at each end of the embankment with grassed return slopes to reduce erosive velocities.

Bywash width has been calculated based on the estimated discharge from a 1 in 100 year storm event on the irrigation block assuming storm rain after irrigation and assuming a 0.5 metre flow over the bywash bench. Inlet and outlet width for both bywashes will be 5 metres.

Rock protection works will also be required on the ends and downstream toe of the embankment at the bywash outlet to prevent erosion by flows through the bywash. Protection works will consist of hand placed rock extending from approximately the centre line of the embankment to a point approximately 2 metres downstream of the bywash outlet and to a height of 0.5 m above natural surface level.

The bywash return slopes spread bywash flows and reduce water velocities by the use of good grass cover on the return slope. Thus it is important to establish and maintain good grass cover on the return slopes to prevent erosion.

**Conclusion**

A limited materials investigation has been carried out on the proposed site because of the shallow nature of the proposed storages. This investigation consisted of the excavation of two hand auger test holes and the visual classification of soil strata recovered. Soils on the site have been classified as clays, sandy clays.

Some of the soils show dispersive properties. **Dispersive soils combined with poor compaction have accounted for more farm dam failures than any other mode of failure combined.**

However it is possible to construct a reliable earth embankment for an on farm storage utilising dispersive soils providing correct moisture control and proper compaction techniques are applied.

Successful completion of this project will require careful moisture control and compaction of the clay core and cut-off. You should insure your selected contractor is aware of this and accepts responsibility for providing suitable compaction equipment and its operation.

If you require any further details or wish to discuss any part of this project please contact me on (07) 4625 1234.

Regards

Chinchilla Pumping and Irrigation Services
TECHNICAL REPORT

PROPOSED TAILWATER RECYCLING SCHEME

DESIGN INVESTIGATION OCTOBER 1999

General

This design report refers to the proposed tailwater recycling scheme to be constructed on Lot 1602 on RP [redacted] which is approximately 13 kilometres to the south east of Chinchilla. The irrigation block is located on the right bank of the Condamine River and only the higher ridge area is used for flood irrigation of cotton. The lower lying areas are used for dryland grain cropping.

The proposed scheme consists of two hillside type storages and associated diversion drains (tail drains) to allow runoff from excess irrigation or rainfall to be collected and reused for irrigation purposes. (see sheet 1)

The project has also been designed to collect the first 50 mm of runoff from the irrigation area to contain possible chemical contamination as recommended under current best practice principles for cotton.

Details of the proposed project are described below.

Irrigation Area

The irrigation area consists of two separate irrigation blocks divided by an existing raised earth head ditch. The head ditch has been constructed along a ridge line that runs across the area and is supplied from the Condamine River by an existing 200 Dia AC underground mainline. The existing mainline has a number of hydrants placed throughout the area and it is proposed to utilise two of these hydrants to allow tailwater to be returned to the head ditch.

The irrigation block on the eastern side of the head ditch has an area of approximately 15 hectares while the second block has an area of approximately 24 hectares. To meet the Best Practice Recommendation for collection of the first 50 mm of runoff from each block would therefore require a minimum storage of 7.5 megalitres and 12 megalitres respectively.

Storage one

The proposed storage consists of an embankment divided into three separate cells located on the eastern end of block one between the existing mainline and the southern boundary. The reason for the unusual layout of the storage is because just below the proposed embankment location is a depression which is an existing flow channel of the Condamine River. To construct a single large storage would result in the embankment encroaching on the flood channel and thus reducing its capacity and possible damage to the embankment as a result. Thus three cell type arrangement is proposed to allow sufficient storage, without the use of a large embankment. (see sheet two)

The proposed embankment is to be constructed as an homogeneous earth embankment with a central compacted clay core and compacted clay cut-off. The embankment has a maximum height of approximately 2.1 metres in the central section. The crest has an overall length of 380 metres and batters slopes will be 3 to 1 (upstream & downstream). Crest width will be 3 metres.
1 March 2000

Chief Executive
Chinchilla Shire Council
P.O Box 42
CHINCHILLA, Q, 4413.

Dear Chief Executive and Council,

Re: Levee Bank Permit - Lot 1602

Thank you again for your time to attend the non prejudice meeting held with [redacted] and the Levee Bank Committee on Tuesday, February 22 at 11am.

Following that meeting we held an understanding that the Council required a further management report. This report (as attached) was to clarify the management of tailwater discussed at the meeting, to accompany the existing plans designed by [redacted].

We were given to understand that after much discussion and clarification the attendants at that meeting being Councillors, [redacted] and other representatives were satisfied with the submitted plans, with the addition of a management report.

The process of appeal was then discussed, and it was suggested that [redacted] liaise with the two objectors to the system in an effort to further clarify and expedite the situation, discussed with [redacted] and GD Plant on February 22 regarding their concerns. Following this discussion it appeared both parties agreed that further local clarification was preferred prior to any further appeals process.

Unfortunately, due to the nature of the situation, time constraints and a necessity on our behalf to licence the said land, we will be required to proceed with the formal appeals process. We feel we have fulfilled and submitted all the necessary requirements for approval of the earthworks for irrigation and tailwater system.

Please find attached a copy of the appeal sent to the Department of Natural Resources for your consideration.
However, it appears that following discussions, the Council, Objectors and Ourselves are able to come to a resolution which is satisfactory to all and we would appreciate if Council would organise a meeting at the local level to facilitate this resolution.

Yours Faithfully,
3 March 2000

Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 318
TOOWOOMBA, Q. 4350.

Dear [Name],

We, [Name] and [Name], of Glen Wilga, Chinchilla are the owners of Lot 1602 on [Street Address], Parish of Chinchilla. In December of 1999 we submitted to the Chinchilla Shire Council an application for approval of earthworks for irrigation and tailwater system on this land.

As stated in the letter of February 17, 2000 from Chinchilla Shire Council (See attached) we were denied approval on the grounds that,
1. The scheme as presented indicated inadequate on ground storage to deal with the retention of the first 25mm of runoff.
2. Maintenance of the sumps in a empty state.

Following notice of denial, firstly, on February 22, [Name] attended a non prejudicial meeting with the Chinchilla Councillors, [Name] and other representatives, Engineer, [Name], and Department of Natural Resources Mr [Name].

This meeting discussed the situation and on clarification of the issues we were given to understand that the Council was then satisfied with the submitted plans with the addition of a management report. (see attached)

Secondly, following that meeting, [Name] spoke with the objectors [Name] and [Name] and Mr GD Plant and on clarification of the issues agreed that discussions at a local level were preferred prior to a formal appeals process.

However, due to the nature of the situation, time constraints and a necessity on our behalf to license the earthworks, we are required to submit notice to yourself of a formal appeal against the original local government decision.

The plans were designed by [Name] of Chinchilla and were submitted with the required detailed technical report and designs. We discussed the situation with [Name] who assured us the plans were well in accordance with industry guidelines and we feel on further discussion were able to meet the above grounds of denial.
Firstly - on ground storage,
The plans submitted to council were based on the Chinchilla Shire Council Policy and Best Management Practices for the Cotton Industry to retain the first 25mm of runoff from a treated area. In fact the scheme as presented has the ability to hold 50mm of run off which is essentially twice the required capacity.

Secondly - ability to maintain the sumps in an empty state.
It has been outlined in the technical and management reports (see attached) that the system has been designed so that the sump water can be recycled through the existing mainline to the head ditches prior to irrigation.

We feel we have met every possible guideline and have endeavoured to clarify any queries to the project. We feel we have been quite successful in alleviating the concerns of the objecting parties, however due to the nature of the process we are required to submit a formal appeal against the Chinchilla Councils denial of our submission.

Essentially, in this letter we have only objected to the Chinchilla Council’s grounds of denial, however this letter may not be fully conclusive of our reasons for appeal. We would appreciate that this matter be given the appropriate consideration and due process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information

Yours Faithfully,
17 February 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Permit – Lot 1602

Reference is made to your application for approval of earthworks for irrigation and tailwater system on land described as Lot 1602 on Parish of Chinchilla.

I wish to advise that the application was considered by Chinchilla Shire Council at the General Meeting held on 15 February 2000 and that approval for the system was not granted on the basis that the scheme as presented indicates inadequate on ground storage to deal with the retention of the first 25mm of runoff in accordance with best management practices and being able to maintain sumps in an empty state.

Council was in receipt of two objections to the application as follows:

i) GD & LC Plant
   “Ulmarra” MS 423
   CHINCHILLA Q 4413

ii) “Blairathol” MS
    CHINCHILLA Q 4413

The objections are from the owners and lessee’s of Lot 1300 on Plan which is an adjoining lot.

With regard to the existing cotton crop Council will allow the finalisation of this crop in accordance with agreement detailed with adjoining landholders, however once complete any further use of the flood irrigation system presently in place shall cease unless a Levee Bank Permit application which is in accordance with industry guidelines and Council policy is submitted and approved.

Should you not agree with Council’s decision you have the right to appeal in accordance with Section 942 of the Local Government Act, A copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

BC
Department of Natural Resources
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For your information.

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
17 February 2000

“Glen Wilga” MS  ■
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Permit – Lot 1602

Reference is made to your application for approval of earthworks for irrigation and tailwater system on land described as Lot 1602 on ■ Parish of Chinchilla.

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Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

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   “Ulmarra” MS 423
   CHINCHILLA Q 4413

ii) “Blairathol” MS
    CHINCHILLA Q 4413

The objections are from the owners and lessee’s of Lot 1300 on Plan 3472, which is an adjoining lot.

With regard to the existing cotton crop Council will allow the finalisation of this crop in accordance with agreement detailed with adjoining landholders, however once complete any further use of the flood irrigation system presently in place shall cease unless a Levee Bank Permit application which is in accordance with industry guidelines and Council policy is submitted and approved.

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17 February 2000

GD & LC Plant
‘Ulmarr’ MS 423
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Levee Bank Permit – [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your letter of objection to the Levee Bank application by MP & MK Jones for an irrigation and tailwater system on land described as lot 1602 on [REDACTED] Parish of Chinchilla.

I wish to advise that the application was considered by Chinchilla Shire Council at the meeting held on 15 February 2000 and that approval for the system was not granted on the basis that the system as presented indicates inadequate on ground storage to deal with the retention of the first 25mm of runoff in accordance with best management practices and being able to maintain sumps in an empty state.

With regard to the existing cotton crop, Council will allow the finalisation of this crop in accordance with agreement detailed with adjoining lessee’s, however any further use of the flood irrigation system presently in place shall cease unless a Levee Bank Permit application which is in accordance with industry Guidelines and Council policy is submitted and approved.

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[REDACTED]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
17 February 2000

“Blairathol” MS
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Dear Sir/Madam

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Reference is made to your letter of objection to the Levee Bank application by [redacted] for an irrigation and tailwater system on land described as lot 1602 on [redacted] Parish of Chinchilla.

I wish to advise that the application was considered by Chinchilla Shire Council at the meeting held on 15 February 2000 and that approval for the system was not granted on the basis that the system as presented indicates inadequate on ground storage to deal with the retention of the first 25mm of runoff in accordance with best management practices and being able to maintain sumps in an empty state.

With regard to the existing cotton crop, Council will allow the finalisation of this crop in accordance with agreement detailed with adjoining lessee’s, however any further use of the flood irrigation system presently in place shall cease unless a Levee Bank Permit application which is in accordance with industry Guidelines and Council policy is submitted and approved.

Should you not agree with Council’s decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 942 of the Local Government Act, a copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Dear Sir

RE: Levee Bank Application: Lot 1602 on Parish of Chinchilla

We would like to place an objection with Council to the proposed earthworks as submitted by [Name]

Our reasoning is as follows:

1. No evidence of consultation with adjacent landowners as suggested in Council guidelines.
2. Concern of ability to store sufficient runoff and tail waters.
3. Concern of erosion due to soil type and slope of land.
4. Concern of chemical contamination.

Please note it is disturbing that the developments currently in place have been planted with cotton and that there is inadequate protection for adjacent land and the Condamine River if spraying should commence.

Yours sincerely
23 November 1999

Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
Heeney Street
CHINCILLA QLD 4413

Dear Sir

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Yours sincerely,

[Owner's Name]

Property Description

Parish Chinchilla
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

CONSTRUCTION OF BANKS

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned application for a licence under the provision of section 937 of the Local Government Act 1993 has been made to Council.

Applicant: [Redacted] Glen Wilga' MS Chinchilla Q 4413

The owner of Lot 1602 on Parish of Chinchilla.

Proposed Works: Earth works for water storage for the purpose of an irrigation and tail water system.

A person being the owner or occupier of land likely to be affected by Licensing of the work may, in writing signed by them and addressed to the Chief Executive, Chinchilla Shire Council, object to such Licence being granted and the facts and circumstances relied on by the objector in support of the objection.

The application and plans are open to inspection at the Council Office and the last day appointed for the receipt of objections is 23 December, 1999.

[Signature]
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PO Box 42
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Chinchilla News – Thursday, 17 November 1999
Chinchilla News – Thursday, 24 November 1999

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant .................................................................

(2) Postal Address ............................................................... "GLEN WILGA" M/S CHINCHILLA

(3) Location of work (see also 10) Country ............... LYTTON Parish ............... CHINCHILLA

Real Property Description ......................................... LOT 1602 ON .........

Area .......... 76.72 hectares

(4) Nature of Works .............................................. EARTH WORKS FOR IRRIGATION

.......................................................... AND TANK WATER SYSTEM

(5) Purpose of Work .......................................................... COMPULSORY WATER STORAGE

..........................................................

(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank) -

(a) Total length of levee bank .......... 900 metres

(b) Maximum height ................. 8 metres

(c) Width of top ................... 1 metre

(d) Width of base ................. 3 metres

(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed .... EARTH .... CLAY

..........................................................

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much? ..........................................................

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level ..........................................................

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation)

(a) Total length ............. 6.10 metres

(b) Maximum depth .............. 2.1 metres

(c) Width of top ........... 3 metres

(d) Width at base .......... 6 metres

(e) State nature of soil at site ...... SOILS ON SITE HAVE BEEN

.......................................................... CLASSIFIED AS CLAY AND SANDY CLAY

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(1) If the applicant is purchasing the subject land, but the transfer documents have not yet been lodged for registration, he/she should ask the solicitor handling the sale to contact the Council and advise of the present position of the transaction.

(2) In terms of the Local Government Act 1936-1988, applications for permits are required to be advertised in accordance with the Council's By-laws and even if no objections are received, or any objections are received and dismissed, there is no guarantee that the permit applied for will be granted.

(3) The applicant is warned against taking any action to construct any work until a permit from the Council has been received.

(4) All questions in relation to this application must be answered fully as failure to do so will lead to correspondence with consequent delay in dealing with the application.

(5) Applicants agree to pay the follow fees:-

a) Application fee for works less than $2000 in cost including advertising. $117

b) Application fee for works in excess of $2000 in cost including advertising. $500

c) Projects that require Engineering Consultants Reports which will include (b) above. Consultant Fees

Date 3-11-99
Signature of Applicant
GUIDE FOR THE LODGEMENT OF A LEVEE BANK APPLICATION FORM

The following information is shown to indicate the minimum requirements upon which the application may be based. The supply of more detailed information additional to this guide may assist in expediting the assessment process.

i) Suitably Engineered design plan, with the following information to be shown;
- Details of the proposed development to be located on an overall site plan at a scale of 1:10,000.
- Topographic plan of the application showing a minimum of the following details:
  - Current contour on the property, shown legibly with height profiles.
  - Current overland flow paths, for identification of catchment area; the application should detail how it will deal with natural floodplain flows once structures are full to capacity;
  - A sketch of the catchment boundaries on adjacent properties affected by the proposal.
- Clear indication of the size of the storage structures and their relationship with the proposal (both written and drawn), including:
  - Capacity of the systems
  - Location and size of any pumps proposed or currently existing (including relevant licences)
  - Sizing calculation for Sumps
- Bywash characteristics:
  - Erosion control measures
  - Indication on how bywash will return water to natural waterway within the applicant’s property, except where alterations are accepted by the community and are technically and environmentally sound.
- Suitably scaled and detailed cross section of all structures and how they relate to natural land profiles and their relation to the following:
  - Natural waterways
  - Road reserves and current infrastructure
  - Boundary clearances – head ditches/tail drains, bywash minimum 3 metres, ring tanks, (structures and situations will determine actual distance from boundary)– minimum 10 metres
  - Buildings
  - Vegetation regions

ii) Written report detailing the above requirements, including the full intent of the enterprise, impact on adjacent landowners, including details on notification of the works proposed to adjacent landowners, regardless of perceived impact.

iii) Basic analysis of existing soil structures, and how these relate to water handling structures.

iv) Should the application cause increases in flood flows, heights and velocities, it should be detailed in the application how these changes will be accommodated through the proposal.

v) Detail fully how the system, in particular the recycle system, handles first run-off to a minimum of the middle requirement under Best Management Practices of the enterprise (Cotton industry retain first 25mm).

vi) Integration or interrelationship of the proposed plans to the whole property irrigation (if others exist on the property).

vii) Catchment estimation, including how the proposal will handle relevant storm event, eg. 1 in 10 Year Average Recurrence Intervals.
GENERAL

This design report refers to the proposed tailwater recycling scheme to be constructed on [redacted] (Lot 1602 on [redacted]), which is approximately 13 kilometres to the south east of Chinchilla. The irrigation block is located on the right bank of the Condamine River and only the higher ridge area is used for flood irrigation of cotton. The lower lying areas are used for dryland grain cropping.

The proposed scheme consists of two hillside type storages and associated diversion drains (tail drains) to allow runoff from excess irrigation or rainfall to be collected and reused for irrigation purposes. (see sheet 1)

The project has also been designed to collect the first 50 mm of runoff from the irrigation area to contain possible chemical contamination as recommended under current best practice principles for cotton.

Details of the proposed project are described below.

IRRIGATION AREA

The irrigation area consists of two separate irrigation blocks divided by an existing raised earth head ditch. The head ditch has been constructed along a ridge line that runs across the area and is supplied from the Condamine River by an existing 200 Dia AC underground mainline. The existing mainline has a number of hydrants placed throughout the area and it is proposed to utilise two of these hydrants to allow tailwater to be returned to the head ditch.

The irrigation block on the eastern side of the head ditch has an area of approximately 4.5 hectares while the second block has an area of approximately 24 hectares. To meet the Best Practice Recommendation for collection of the first 50 mm of runoff from each block would therefore require a minimum storage of 7.5 megalitres and 12 megalitres respectively.

STORAGE ONE

The proposed storage consists of an embankment divided into three separate cells located on the eastern end of block one between the existing mainline and the southern boundary. The reason for the unusual layout of the storage is because just below the proposed embankment location is a depression which is an existing flood channel of the Condamine River. To construct a single large storage would result in the embankment encroaching on the flood channel and thus reducing its capacity and possible damage to the embankment as a result. Thus three cell type arrangement is proposed to allow sufficient storage, without the use of a large embankment. (see sheet two)

The proposed embankment is to be constructed as an homogenous earth embankment with a central compacted clay core and compacted clay cut-off. The embankment has a maximum height of approximately 2.1 metres in the central section. The crest has an overall length of 380 metres and batter slopes will be 3 to 1 (upstream & downstream). Crest width will be 3 metres.
To provide sufficient storage each cell is required to have a different crest level. Thus to allow water to be released from cell one to cell three via cell two a 100 Dia PVC outlet pipe will be installed between cells one and two and two and three. Flow in the outlet pipe will be controlled by a simple flap valve arrangement. Location of the outlet pipes will be determined on site once initial setting out has been completed so that location in relation to borrow excavation is correct.

A diesel driven pump unit will be located on the crest of cell three to allow water to be recycled through the mainline to the head ditch.

Approximately 5 300 cubic metres of compacted earth and clay fill would be required to construct the proposed embankment. In addition, a further 1000 cubic metres of material will be required to be removed and replaced in construction of the cut-off.

The cut-off trench is expected to be approximately 0.5 to 0.7 m deep. However this will be subject to variation on site.

All construction material shall be removed from inside the storage area and the bywash cuts, no external borrow areas are required.

The storage impounded upstream of the proposed embankment in the three separate cells is estimated to be approximately 7.5 megalitres.

Runoff from the irrigation block will be diverted via tail drains installed on a grade of 1 in 1000.

Bywash Storage One

Excess flows from the irrigation block will be diverted through bywashes to be located at each left bank end of the proposed cells. The bywashes consist of a level bench cut at the end of the embankment with grassed return slopes to reduce erosive velocities. Thus excess volume from cell one will discharge into cell two and excess from cell two will discharge into cell three. Therefore there will be three different bywash levels because each cell has a different full supply level.

Bywash width has been calculated based on the estimated discharge from a 1 in 100 year storm event on the irrigation area following an irrigation cycle and assuming a 0.5 metre flow over the bywash bench (ie the block is already wet). Inlet and outlet width for the proposed bywashes are 5 metres.

Rock protection works will also be required on the ends and downstream toe of the embankment at the bywash outlet to prevent erosion by flows through the bywash. Protection works will consist of hand placed rock extending from approximately the centre line of the embankment to a point approximately 2 metres downstream of the bywash outlet and to a height of 0.5 m above natural surface level.

The bywash return slopes spread bywash flows and reduce water velocities by the use of good grass cover on the return slope. Thus it is important to establish and maintain good grass cover on the return slopes to prevent erosion.

Storage Two

Storage two is proposed as a single hillside type storage to be located on the western end of block two on the southern side of the existing mainline. The proposed embankment is to be constructed as an homogenous earth embankment with a central compacted clay core and compacted clay cut-off. This embankment will have a maximum height of approximately 2.85 metres, with a crest length of 230 metres and batter slopes (upstream & downstream) of 3 to 1. Crest width will be 3 metres.

Approximately 6300 cubic metres of compacted earth and clay fill would be required to construct the 2.85 metre high embankment. A further 480 cubic metres of material will be removed and replaced in construction of the cut-off.
The cut-off trench is expected to be approximately 0.5 to 0.7 m deep. However this will be subject to variation on site.

All construction material shall be removed from inside the storage area and the bywash cuts, no external borrow areas are required.

The storage impounded upstream of the proposed embankment is estimated to be approximately 12 megalitres.

Runoff from the irrigation block will be diverted via tail drains installed on a grade of 1 in 1000.

Bywash Storage Two

Excess flows from irrigation block 2 will be diverted through a bywash, to be located at each end of the proposed embankment. The bywashes consist of a level bench cut at each end of the embankment with grassed return slopes to reduce erosive velocities.

Bywash width has been calculated based on the estimated discharge from a 1 in 100 year storm event on the irrigation block assuming storm rain after irrigation and assuming a 0.5 metre flow over the bywash bench. Inlet and outlet width for both bywashes will be 5 metres.

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Conclusion

A limited materials investigation has been carried out on the proposed site because of the shallow nature of the proposed storages. This investigation consisted of the excavation of two hand auger test holes and the visual classification of soil strata recovered. Soils on the site have been classified as clays, sandy clays.

Some of the soils show dispersive properties. **Dispersive soils combined with poor compaction have accounted for more farm dam failures than any other mode of failure combined.**

However it is possible to construct a reliable earth embankment for an on farm storage utilising dispersive soils providing correct moisture control and proper compaction techniques are applied.

Successful completion of this project will require careful moisture control and compaction of the clay core and cut-off. You should insure your selected contractor is aware of this and accepts responsibility for providing suitable compaction equipment and its operation.

If you require any further details or wish to discuss any part of this project please contact me on [contact information]

Regards

Chinchilla Pumping and Irrigation Services
BATTER SLOPES 2:1
FREEBOARD 0.9 M
BYWASH OUTLET WIDTH 5.0 M
HAND PLACED ROCK PITCHING
TO BE INSTALLED ON EMBANKMENT
AT BYWASH OUTLET

RIGHT BANK BYWASH

CREST WIDTH 3.0 M
BATTER SLOPES 3:1
CLAY CORE WIDTH 3.0 M

MAX EMBANKMENT HEIGHT 2.85 M

TYPICAL EMBANKMENT SECTION

DATE: 27/10/1999

LEFT BANK BYWASH

CREST WIDTH 1.0 M
BATTER SLOPE 3:1
FREEBOARD 0.5 M
CUT DEPTH 0.3 M
BED WIDTH 2.0 M
TAIL DRAINS TO BE SETOUT ON GRADE OF 1:1000
TAIL DRAIN SECTION
EXISTING UNDERGROUND MAINLINE

BATTERY SLOPES ALL 3:1

SECTION 1
CREST EL 49.30
WATER LEVEL EL 48.40
BYWASH EL 48.40
BENCH MARK EL 50.00
SCREW IN TOP OF POST

SECTION 2
CREST EL 48.40
WATER LEVEL EL 47.50

OUTLET PIPE - LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED ON SITE
OUTLET PIPE DETAIL SEE SHEET 4
BYWASH EL 48.40

SECTION 3
CREST EL 47.60
WATER LEVEL EL 46.70

HYDRANT OUTLET EL 46.10
BYWASH EL 46.70
BYWASH DETAIL SEE SHEET 3

TAIL DRAIN GRADE 1:1000

CHANGE IN CREST LEVEL

BOUNDARY FENCE

DATE 27/10/1999

RECYCLING SCHEME - STORAGE 1

Scale: 1:1000 DRAWN I.S.R  SHEET 2 OF 6
CHINCILLA IRRIGATION AND PUMPING SERVICES PTY LTD
A.C.N. 874 560 273
Warrego Highway CHINCILLA Q 4413
Tel (07) 4662 8469 and Fax (07) 4662 8589

BYWASH CUT 0.25 M MAX
BATTER SLOPES 2:1
FREEBOARD 0.9 M
BYWASH EL VARIOUS
BYWASH OUTLET WIDTH 5.0 M

HAND PLACED ROCK PITCHING
TO BE INSTALLED ON EMBANKMENT
AT BYWASH OUTLET

CREST EL 47.6
0.8 M
5
CREST EL 48.4

CREST LEVEL REDUCTION

CREST WIDTH 3.0 M
BATTER SLOPES 3:1
MAX EMBANKMENT HEIGHT 2.1 M

CLAY CORE WIDTH 3.0 M

TYPICAL EMBANKMENT SECTION

DATE: 27/10/1999

- SITE 1 - BYWASH DETAIL Scale: DRAWN I.S.R

SHEET 3 OF 6
RC BAFFLE INSTALLATION

NOT TO SCALE

REINFORCED CONCRETE BAFFLE DETAIL

DATE: 27/10/1999

all dimensions in millimetres
In Reply Please Quote: PF2296:EH:JL

03 March 2004

"Wamba"
MS
Fletts Road
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Contribution – Fletts Road

Reference is made to your recent request for a schedule of payments for a loan of $10,000 contribution towards the future upgrade of Fletts Road from Avenue Road to the access to Lot 1 or [redacted].

Attached please find a schedule of 6 monthly payments over 5 years at 7% interest per annum.

Would you please arrange for the payment of the up front $1,000 and arrange for the 6 monthly payment of $1,082 as per the schedule.

Your earliest attention to this matter is required.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
### Repayment Calculation

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, 13 July 2009 4:52 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Levee Bank Appeals - ex Chinchilla Shire Council

Hello [Redacted]

Further to our discussions several weeks ago, I'm still trying to finalise the levee bank appeals that remain on the Department's books from the late 1990s - early 2000 period.

I have caught up with [Redacted] concerning the three appeals filed by Middlebro Bros against the Council's decision on two permit applications lodged by [Redacted] and one by [Redacted]. [Redacted] informed me that, having sold "Glendaloch" some time ago, they did not intend pursuing the appeal. Council will have a copy of my letter confirming the Middlebro's withdrawal of the appeals.

I am now left with an appeal filed by [Redacted] (on 21 December 1998) against the decision on an application lodged by [Redacted] (Lot 71, Parish Canaga); and the appeal filed by [Redacted] (on 17 October 2000) against the decision on an application lodged by [Redacted] (Lot 62 DY80 and Lot 1 [Redacted]).

- **Appeal**
  
  This appeal was the subject of 'without prejudice' discussions between all the parties in March 1999, from which the permit applicant was to provide further information. It is unclear as to whether or not this further information was forthcoming, although it is clear that the appeal at no stage progressed to hearing or other resolution. It is understood that this was because the moratorium notice published under the Water Act in September 2000 would have prevented the construction of the subject (overland flow) storage works in any event and further because any future capacity to proceed with construction would depend on the outcome of the Water Resource Plan (Condamine-Balonne) process.

  The [Redacted] sold the property related to their appeal to the [Redacted] family early in 2000. At the time, the [Redacted] were interested in continuing the appeal based on a formal agreement with the [Redacted], under which the [Redacted] either assigned their rights to the appeal to the [Redacted] or appointed the [Redacted] as their agent in continuing the appeal. I informed the [Redacted] through their solicitor, of the department's view that they could not continue the appeal started by the [Redacted] (letter dated 26 April 2000 copied to CEO Chinchilla Shire Council). While at the time I expected that I would hear further from the [Redacted], I have had no further contact at all concerning the matter but have not previously followed up due to the effect of the moratorium notice.

  At this late stage I wouldn't expect that the [Redacted] would retain interest in pursuing the appeal, but need to contact them to confirm their position. I assume that Council still will have an incomplete permit process that is stalled as a consequence of the unresolved appeal.

  So far, although I have spoken with the lawyer representing the [Redacted] at the time, I have been unable to establish current contact details for the [Redacted].

- **Appeal**
  
  I have spoken with [Redacted]. As I think we have discussed, that discussion has identified misunderstanding on the part as to the status of the appeal. That is, the [Redacted] were fairly convinced that the appeal was heard and determined in their favour at a hearing back in 2001, whereas that is not the case. The appeal was set down for hearing in Chinchilla on 3-4 December 2001, but my recollection is that it was adjourned - again principally because the moratorium notice published under the Water Act in September 2000 would have prevented the construction of the subject (overland flow) storage works in any event and further because any future capacity to proceed with construction would depend on the outcome of the Water Resource Plan (Condamine-Balonne) process.

  Understandably, the [Redacted] are very concerned about the fact that the appeal stands unresolved, particularly given their apparent misunderstanding that the matter had been determined back in 2001. Again, I assume that Council will have an incomplete permit process stalled as a consequence of the unresolved appeal.

20/07/2009
Where to from here?

I have made arrangements to be in Chinchilla on Thu 23-Fri 24 July to try to sort out both the outstanding appeals. Assuming Council’s records of the matters are still held in the Chinchilla service centre, I’d like to have a chat with you late in the morning of 23rd to compare notes as to the progress of the matters.

In the meantime, I’ll continue to pursue contact with the [redacted] and, if successful, I’d expect to have that matter resolved one way or the other by the time I visit. If you have any clues as to their contact details, please let me know.

Regardless however, the [redacted] matter will need to be resolved. To that end, I’ve arranged to meet [redacted] on their property on the afternoon of 23rd. This meeting will be very important given their apparent misunderstanding of the status of the appeal and need for explanation of the complexities arising from the dual LGA and Water Act jurisdictions that are in play.

I look forward to catching up with you on 23rd-24th and trust that you will be in town. If not, is there another officer who might be able to assist me?

Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Director Water Management

Telephone: [redacted] Mobile: [redacted] Facsimile: [redacted]
email: [redacted]

www.derm.qld.gov.au

Department of Environment and Resource Management
41 George Street, Brisbane Q 4000
GPO Box 2454, Brisbane Q 4001

As of 26 March 2009 the Department of Natural Resources and Water/Environmental Protection Agency integrated to form the Department of Environment and Resource Management

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Think B4U Print

1 ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 5.4kg CO2 in the atmosphere

3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water

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20/07/2009
03 January 2002

"Wamba"
MS:...
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Pipeline through Culverts – Wambo Creek

Council received a report in late November 2001, that you had installed an illegal water pipeline through culverts at Wambo Creek to transfer water from the hole on the western side of Avenue Road to the hole on the eastern side of Avenue Road.

A search of Council records indicates that approval was not sought for the installation of this pipeline in accordance with Council’s Local Laws. An inspection of the site confirmed the illegal installation. The transfer of water from one hole in a watercourse to another hole is a matter for the Department of Natural Resources and Mines. This incident has been reported to that Department’s Toowoomba Office.

You are advised that the undertaking of this activity is a breach of Local Law No. 11 – Roads, Section 15 (1) (copy attached) and you are required to show cause why Council should not prosecute for this breach as you are aware that a permit is required as you currently have a permit for a water pipeline across Road.

In normal circumstances an application for a temporary water pipeline to be installed through culverts to transfer water from one lot to another would receive favourable consideration on the condition that Department of Natural Resources Permits or approvals were presented with the application.

As such would you please provide a written show cause notice within 14 days of the date of this letter and include a copy of Department of Natural Resources & Mines approvals.

Yours faithfully, BC Technical Supervisor Engineer
Area Councillors 1

For your information.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PO Box 42 Chinchilla 4413
Telephone: (07) 4662 7056 Fax: (07) 4662 7720
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
02 January 2002

"Verland"
MS.
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir,

Re: Water Pipeline – Avenue Road – Wambo Creek

Reference is made to your letter dated 17 November 2001, advising Council of your report to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines on the pumping of water from a waterhole on the western side of Avenue Road to a hole to the east of Avenue Road in Wambo Creek.

With regard to the water pipeline, through culverts on Avenue Road to Wambo Creek, I advise that Council had not granted approval for the installation in accordance with Local Law No 11 – Roads and as such has requested [REDACTED] to show cause to Council and provide Department of Natural Resources and Mines approvals to transfer water.

Thank you for bringing this matter to Council’s attention.

Yours faithfully,

BC
Technical Supervisor
Engineer
Area Councillors 1

For your information,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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PO Box 42 Chinchilla 4413
Telephone: (07) 4662 7056  Fax: (07) 4662 7720
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
26th November 2001

Chinchilla Shire Council
P O Box 42
CHINCHILLA 4413

Dear Sir

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M/S "CHINCHILLA" 4413

23rd November 2001

[Name]
Senior Technical Officer
Department of Natural Resources
P O Box [Redacted]
TOOWOOMBA 4350

Dear [Name]

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02 January 2002

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: [Redacted] - Proposed Irrigation Storage

Reference is made to your letters dated 19 and 26 November 2001, concerning works undertaken by the above as a result of a Levee Bank Permit approval by Council on 21 September 2000 which was the subject of an appeal heard on 03 December 2001.

I wish to advise that discussions held by Council officers with [Redacted] revealed that works undertaken by the [Redacted] was associated with an existing dam which was desilted and enlarged for domestic and stock uses. [Redacted] advised that the works were not related to the Levee Bank Permit issued in September 2000.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BC Engineer

For your information. Please ensure details received from Mr. Davis are recorded in diary or on the file with date etc.

[Redacted]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
19 November 2001

The Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCHILLA QLD 4413

Dear Sir/Madam

- PROPOSED IRRIGATION STORAGE

We advise that it has come to our attention that [redacted] have substantially commenced construction of dam walls without having first been issued with a permit as required for by the Local Government Act.

Where council approves an application for a levee bank, a permit cannot issue where an appeal against council's decision is lodged. Without the permit work cannot be carried out.

We also point out that on 20 September 2000, one (1) day before council approved the application, the Department of Natural Resources published a moratorium notice under s42 of the Water Act 2000. The moratorium notice prevents [redacted] from carrying out any works for which a permit under the Local Government Act has not issued.

[redacted] are therefore in breach of the Local Government Act, in commencing construction in breach of the moratorium notice and without a permit.

Regards

[redacted]
16 November 2001

General Manager
Water Management & Use
Department of Natural Resources
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE Q 4001

Dear Sir

RE: Appeal under Local Government Act 1993

V Chinchilla Shire Council
R & H Flett V Chinchilla Shire Council

Reference is made to your letter dated 30 October 2001 advising of the above appeals on 3 and 4 December 2001 requesting details on witnesses to gain evidence and copies of reports.

I wish to advise that Council will have the following personnel involved in the appeals:

i. The Applicant
   - Mr
   - Chinchilla Irrigation & Pumping Engineer
   - Technical Supervisor

ii. The Applicants Consultant
   - Mr
   - Chief Executive

iii. Council Representatives
   - Mr
   - Soil Conservation

iv. Department of Natural Resources
   - Mr

To date there are no further reports to be tabled on behalf of the above.

Yours faithfully

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Telephone: (07) 4662 7056 Fax: (07) 4662 7720
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
14 November 2001

The Shire Engineer
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCHILLA QLD 4413

Dear [Redacted],

RE: [Redacted]

Reference is made to the above appeals against a decision of Chinchilla Shire Council concerning an application for a permit to authorise levee bank works made by [Redacted] and my letter of 30 October 2001.

This is a courtesy reminder that the following information is to be lodged with the Chief Executive at the address provided below by Monday 19 November 2001:

- a list of witnesses to be called to give evidence;
- copies (in triplicate) of reports from any expert witnesses.

This information you submit will be then forwarded to the Appellants early in the week preceding the hearing, at which time information provided by the Appellants will also be forwarded to you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted]

for GENERAL MANAGER
WATER MANAGEMENT AND USE
ADJOURN

DRAFT WAMP RELEASED

REGULATED SHARING ARRANGEMENT — WATER
Levee Bank:

Referable Dam provisions:
1) Previously anything over 5 metres in bank height
2) Currently:(p28 Water and Sewerage Bill)
   a) 8 m or more in height with a storage capacity of 500 ML or more;
   b) 5 m or more in height with a storage capacity of 100 ML or more with a catchment area exceeding 1000Ha

In addition, the regulator can require a dam to be hazard assessed, irrespective of the size and capacity, if the regulator reasonably considers that the failure of the dam will endanger life because of the dam's proximity to a persons or residence.

Department of Natural Resources were originally contacted on 2 August and declared on 7 September that the application was not to be decided under the Water Resources Act 1989 under the definition of a levee bank.

"Domestic purposes" means domestic purposes as defined under the Water (Allocation and Management) Act 2000

Overland flow generally speaking is the water that runs off the land following rainfall, before it enters a watercourse, and floodwater that erupt from a watercourse or lake onto a floodplain.

The sharing of overland flow is currently an issue only in certain areas (mainly floodplains where it is possible to divert large quantities of water with relatively low embankments). Sharing arrangements for overland flow will be introduced through community based water resource planning processes only where the community has identified the need to regulate overland flow.

According to the Water (Allocation and Management) Bill explanatory material p68. "The minister to declare a moratorium on further overland flow diversions to provide stability during a planning process. When the sharing arrangements are finalised the moratorium will cease. A moratorium will not necessarily apply to all overland flow and may allow certain classes of new diversions to take place during the planning process...."

From the above clause and reading the moratorium notice the draft WAMP only restrict overland flow restrictions to a 2 km wide strip along the trunk stream whilst the subject plan area is the entire effect. Based on prudence Council should condition the application if the area falls outside area involved in the WAMP.

Three possible levels of control(p69).

The Bill " has suggested that there will be no regulation of overland flow except in a few particular situations. However, it raises the question of how to ensure that diversions of overland flow can proceed on an orderly basis in areas where there no regulation.

Where there is the potential for individuals or collective developments to capture a significant volume of overland flow, voluntary codes of practice for the sharing of overland flow could play a useful role.

Three possible levels of control:
1. No controls or guidance: This is the current situation throughout the state and will remain so unless there is a need for one of the two following options.
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3. **Regulatory controls:** These will be statutory water sharing arrangements for overland flow developed through a water resource planning process.

At present landholders whose land abuts a watercourse may, without applying for a permit, use water for domestic and home garden purposes and stock watering. This does not extend beyond the number of stock that can be reasonably depastured on the land. If a pump is used to take the water, then a permit is required for the pump.

Local Law (Levee Banks): 4 June 1982
Review of Local Laws (Levee Banks): 23 April 1999
Date of Application: 16 May 2000
Advertised Chinchilla News: 1 June 2000 & 8 June 2000
Appeal (IV, EJ & IM Sperling): 27 June 2000
Appeal (R & H Flett): 28 June 2000
Letter from DNR for Water Resources Act: 20 July 2000
Council contacted DNR for Water Resources Act: 2 August 2000
Site Meeting: 16 August 2000
Site Meeting with DNR: 7 September 2000
Site Meeting with Committee: 14 September 2000
DNR letter on draft WAMP implications: 17 August 2000
Council report prepared for publication: Friday, 15 September 2000
Moratorium Notice: 20 September 2000
Council Meeting: 21 September 2000
Moratorium Notice received by Council: 13 October 2000
Appeal against decision notice (R & H Flett): 17 October 2000
Appeal against decision notice (IV, EJ & IM Sperling): 20 October 2000
I. [Redacted] states:

1. Together with my wife, [Redacted], we own property adjoining that of [Redacted].

2. On 21 September 2000, the Chinchilla Shire Council approved construction of two earthen dam storages for irrigation of fodder crops upon [Redacted] and which adjoins ours.

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4. Although statistical figures supplied by Chinchilla Irrigation and Pumping Services in support of the two storage dams indicates that more water may fall on the catchment area for the two dams in any one year, what is not taken into account is the potential utilisation of that stored water between rainfalls with the consequence that an overflow or filling of both of the proposed dams on [Redacted] property may not occur.

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STOCK WORK - FREE RANGE GRAZING

7. We are genuinely concerned that even if we were to reach a sharing agreement with [Redacted] given their apparent propensity to flout the law in respect to water use we have no confidence that they would abide by any agreement with us during times of shortage.
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9. For many years [REDACTED] have, through their existing water allocations, been able to run their farm operations. They already have a water allocation for irrigation purposes. There appears to be no reason why they would now require additional storage capacities of the magnitude sought.

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DATE
26th November 2001

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20 November 2001

The Shire Engineer
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCILLA QLD 4413

Dear [Name]

RE: APPEAL UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993
[Name] v- CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL
v- CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

Reference is made to the above appeals against a decision of Chinchilla Shire Council concerning an application for a permit to authorise levee bank works made by [Name].

Please find attached for your information, correspondence from the Solicitors acting on behalf of [Name] providing details of witnesses to be called and an outline of the legal argument in support of the Appeal.

As of this date no information has been forthcoming from [Name] Any additional information received from either Appellant will be forwarded accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER
WATER MANAGEMENT AND USE

Attn. (1)
14 November 2001

The Manager
Water Management & Use
Department of Natural Resources
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir

V CHINCHELLA SHIRE COUNCIL
APPEAL UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

We refer to the above matter and advise that we act on behalf of

We advise that the witnesses to be called are:

1. 

We further advise that legal argument will be advanced in support of the appeal. Enclosed is an outline of that argument.

Yours faithfully

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OUTLINE OF APPEAL

This is an Appeal against the decision of the Chinchilla Shire Council ("the Council") made on 22 September 2000 granting approval under the Council's local law number 42 for the construction of levee banks to provide water storage facilities of 65ML and 160ML.

Section 938 of the Local Government Act 1993 ("LGA") allows local authorities to make local law in respect to levee banks provided those local laws were in force prior to 30 March 1998 (see s854 of the LGA). The effect of s938 and s854 of the LGA is to remove the power of local authorities to make laws about levee banks after 30 March 1998.

Presumably the Council's local law 42 was in force prior to 30 March 1998.

This Appeal is governed by s943 of the LGA which has the effect of a re-hearing of the application under the Council's local law 42 as the tribunal can substitute its own decision.

Under Part 3A of the Water Resource Act 1989 water management and water allocation plans could be made. Section 1043 of the Water Act 2000 acknowledges a draft water allocation and management plan for the Condamine-Balonne basin. On 20 September 2000 a moratorium notice under s42 of the Water Act 2000 was published. The effect of the notice is to prevent new works. To avoid the moratorium a number of things had to be in place, one of which was a permit issued under a local law and in accordance with s940 of the LGA. Under s940 of the LGA a permit cannot be issued before 30 days after approval of the application made under the local law or not issued at all where, within that 30 day period an appeal is made. On 17 October 2000 the Appellants, R & H Flett made their appeal which appeal was received by the Council on 20 October 2000. Clearly the application under local law 42 is bound by the moratorium notice to the extent that no new works can be undertaken.

It is the Applicant's submission that once the moratorium came into effect the Council was prevented from dealing with any applications under it's local laws to approve construction of anything that the moratorium prevented.

The second submission is that if the council was empowered to approve something for which a moratorium applied then the Council's decisions to make the approval subject to an agreement between the Applicant for the permit and the Appellants as to the sharing of water was a condition incapable of enforcement by the Council and contrary to s19 of the Water Act 2000 which vests in the State all rights to the use, flow and control of all water in Queensland.
TECHNICAL REPORT

PROPOSED IRRIGATION STORAGE

AMENDED DESIGN REPORT - NOVEMBER 2001

General

This report refers to two proposed irrigation storages to be located on property which is approximately 17 kilometres to the south of Chinchilla.

The report includes the amendments requested by the Chinchilla Shire Council in their letter to [redacted] of 22 September 2000.

It is proposed to construct two smaller storages on the same gully rather than a single larger storage. To construct a single larger storage at the site would require relocation of the existing structures constructed on the left bank of the gully. These structures consist of a feedlot and its associated tree shelterbelt, plus a silage storage area.

Both the proposed storages are to be constructed across the same broad based gully, which runs just to the north of the existing house. The lower storage (Storage No. 1) has a capacity of approximately 65 megalitres while the upper storage (Storage No.2) would have a capacity of approximately 111 megalitres. Full Supply Level on Storage No. 2 has been reduced by 200 mm as per Chinchilla Shire Council requirement.

Water will be released from the upper storage to the lower storage via an outlet pipe through the embankment. A pump unit on the lower storage will allow water to be utilized for spray irrigation of fodder crops adjacent to the lower storage.

Details of the proposed project are described below.

Catchment

The combined catchment area for the proposed storages has been estimated from topographic maps (1:100000 topo) and visual interpretation to be approximately 880 hectares.

The catchment area for Storage No 1 has been estimated to be approximately 250 hectares. Approximately 100 hectares of this catchment is to be diverted via a catch drain which is to be constructed on the right bank side of the gully (see catch drain layout).

The direct catchment to Storage No 2 has been estimated to be approximately 420 hectares (from 1:100000 topographic plan). An additional 210 hectares is to be diverted to this storage using a catch drain that is to be constructed on the western side of the storage, making the total catchment area for this storage approximately 630 hectares. Some of the estimated diverted catchment may actually act as direct catchment, depending on the effect of the boundary fence between Lot 29 and Lot 62. However total catchment area will remain the same.

Both catchments consist of Brigalow type scrub soils. The areas may be either partly row cropped, fallow or under improved pasture depending on the time of year. An estimate of runoff produced from a catchment containing Brigalow type soils is difficult due to the difference in runoff potential depending on how “wet” the catchment is at the time of the particular rainfall event. Therefore it is usual to be conservative when estimating runoff from these catchments.

An analysis of the catchments using the U.S.D.A runoff model for small catchments and 30 years of rainfall records for Chinchilla has indicated that in 50 % of years runoff from Catchment No. 1 will equal or exceed 67 megalitres while in 3 out 4 years (75%) runoff will equal or exceed 17 megalitres.
The analysis of the upper catchment area has indicated that in 50% of years runoff from this catchment will equal or exceed 170 megalitres while in 3 out 4 years (75%) runoff will equal or exceed 44 megalitres.

It should be pointed out that estimation of runoff from small farm catchments is not an exact science and further research is being conducted to improve the knowledge of how catchments react to high intensity and short duration rainfall events. However the indicated runoff volumes could be used for long term project planning.

Storage No. 1

The proposed embankment is to be located across the broad based gully approximately 250 metres to the north of the house and just downstream of the existing dam on the left bank of the gully. This storage will be used as a “pump hole” for the proposed spray irrigation scheme (center-pivot irrigator) due to its proximity to the existing electricity supply.

The proposed embankment would have a height of approximately 3.6 metres with a crest length of 264 metres, batter slopes of 3 to 1 and a crest width of 4 metres.

Approximately 6 500 cubic metres of compacted earth and clay fill would be required to construct the 3.6 metre high embankment. Some 2 400 cubic metres of material which can be utilized in the outer zones of the embankment could be obtained from bywash construction. The remainder of material required for construction of the embankment will be obtained from inside the storage area. Construction of the compacted clay cutoff will also require an additional 550 cubic metres of material to be removed and replaced in the cutoff trench. Base of the cutoff trench is expected to be approximately 0.7 m below natural surface level however this would be subject to variation on site.

Excess flows from the catchment will be diverted through bywashes, to be located at each end of the proposed embankment, and returned to the gully downstream of the embankment. The bywashes consist of a level bench cut in a semi circular shape at the ends of the embankment with the grassed return slope used to reduce the velocity of flows bypassing the storage. The bywashes have been designed to pass the flow estimated to be produced by a 1 in 100 year storm event on the total catchment plus an increase in width to be consistent with the bywash width on the upper storage. Bywash inlet and outlet width will be increased to 50 metres.

The bywash return slopes spread bywash flows and reduce water velocities by the use of good grass cover on the return slope. Thus it is important to establish and maintain good grass cover on the return slopes to prevent erosion.

Rock protection works will also be required on the ends and downstream toe of the embankment at the bywash outlet. This is to prevent erosion of the toe of the embankment by flows through the bywash. Protection works will consist of hand placed rock extending from approximately the center line of the embankment to a point approximately 2 metres downstream of the bywash outlet and to a height of 0.5 m above natural surface level.

Construction of the embankment as proposed will create a storage with a capacity of approximately 65 megalitres. Estimated catchment yield for this storage is 67 megalitres (50% years) and 17 megalitres (75% years) respectively.

Storage No. 2

The second embankment is to be located across the broad based gully approximately 750 metres upstream from Storage No. 1. This storage is very shallow and has a large surface area in relation to its volume. Thus to minimize evaporation it is proposed to release as much of the stored water as possible to the lower storage which has a greater depth and smaller surface area.

The proposed embankment would have a height of approximately 2.8 metres with a crest length of 455 metres, batter slopes of 3 to 1 and a crest width of 4.0 metres.

The Full Supply Level on this storage has been reduced by 200 mm to comply with the Childilla Shire Council approval for construction of the project.

Approximately 8500 cubic metres of compacted earth and clay fill would be required to construct the 2.8 metre high embankment. Some 1235 cubic metres of material* for use in the outer zones of the embankment could be obtained from the bywash cuts while the remainder of material required for construction of the embankment will be obtained from inside the storage area.
Construction of the compacted clay cutoff will also require an additional 955 cubic metres of material to be removed and replaced in the cutoff trench. Base of the cutoff trench is expected to be approximately 0.7 m below natural surface level however this would be subject to variation on site.

Excess flows from the catchment will be diverted through bywashes, to be located at each end of the proposed embankment. Bywashes are to be similar in construction to those on Storage No.1. The bywashes were originally designed to pass a flow estimated to be produced by a 1 in 100 year storm event on the catchment. However bywash inlet and outlet width has been increased to 50 metres as per Chinchilla Shire Council recommendations, to reduce the likely hood of any inundation of Lot 29, which is located upstream of the proposed dam site.

Construction of the embankment as proposed will create a storage with a capacity of approximately 111 megalitres. Estimated catchment yield for this storage is 170 megalitres (50 % years) and 44 megalitres (75 % years) respectively.

Outlet pipe

To allow water to be released from the upper storage (Storage No. 2) a 200 mm diameter polythene pipe will be installed through the embankment. The outlet pipe will consist of 3 lengths of polythene pipe joined by bolted galvanized flanges. The center section will be approximately 2 metres in length, with the outer sections approximately 10 metres long. Where the outlet pipe passes through the compacted clay cutoff anti seep baffles will be installed to prevent seepage occurring along the pipe. The concrete baffles will be poured in position around the flanged sections of the pipe. Backfill for the full length of the outlet pipe trench will be hand placed, compacted clay material to prevent possible seepage along the pipe alignment. A valve will be located on the downstream end of the outlet pipe to control flow from the outlet pipe. A flap valve will be placed on the inlet end of the pipe to prevent loss of stored water should the outlet valve be damaged or require repair. A rock protected area will be required where the outlet pipe discharges on the downstream end.

Soils

A materials investigation has been carried out on the proposed site. This investigation consisted of the excavation and sampling of a number of test pits using a backhoe and post auger. Soils were visually classified as black and brown clays with medium plasticity. Soils on the site are suitable for construction of both embankments, however some precautions are required to be taken during construction. Some of the soils on the site show dispersive properties. Dispersive soils combined with poor compaction have accounted for more farm dam failures than any other mode of failure combined. However it is possible to construct a reliable earth embankment for an on farm storage utilizing dispersive soils providing correct moisture control and proper compaction techniques are applied.

Conclusion

Successful construction of both of these storages will require careful moisture control and compaction of the clay core and cutoff trench. You should insure that your selected contractor is aware of this and accepts responsibility for providing suitable compaction equipment and its operation.

Both storages have been designed to Queensland Water Resources - Farm Water Supply standard specifications with design data obtained from “Farm Water Supplies Design Manual” and “Farm Water Supplies Service Design Charts”.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss any details of this project please contact me on [contact information]

Regards,

Ass Dip Ap Sc (Farm Water Supplies)
Chinchilla Irrigation and Pumping Services
END OF EMBANKMENT AND BYWASH CUT
BATTER SLOPES 2:1
BYWASH CUT 0.6 M MAX
BYWASH - EL 50.8
FREEBOARD 1.0 M
BYWASH OUTLET WIDTH 50 M

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BATTER SLOPES 2:1
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BYWASH EL 50.80
BYWASH CUT 0.5 M MAX
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RIGHT BANK BYWASH

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TO LEVEL

HAND PLACED ROCK PITCHING
TO BE INSTALLED ON EMBANKMENT
AT BYWASH OUTLET

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- BYWASH DETAIL No. 1 Scale: Not to Scale DRAWN I.S.R SHEET 3 OF 8
NOTES: Soils visually classified only; D - Indicates Dispersive; ND - Non Dispersive

DATE: 04/04/2000

- TEST HOLE LOGS  Scale:  DRAWN I.S.R  SHEET 4 OF 8
END OF EMBANKMENT AND BYWASH CUT
BATTER SLOPES 2:1

BYWASH CUT 0.2 M MAX

BYWASH - EL 53.05

FREEBOARD 1.20 M

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TO LEVEL

50

HAND PLACED ROCK PITCHING
TO BE INSTALLED ON EMBANKMENT AT BYWASH OUTLET

LEFT BANK BYWASH

BENCH CUT

TO LEVEL

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DATE: 04/04/2006

- BYWASH DETAIL No. 2 Scale : Not to Scale DRAWN I.S.R SHEET 7 OF 8
RC BAFFLE INSTALLATION

NOT TO SCALE

REINFORCING FABRIC TO BE PLACED CENTRALLY

150 min

1100

F62 REINFORCING FABRIC OR
10 DIA BARS AT 250 CENTRES
50 mm COVER FOR ALL REINFORCEMENT
CONCRETE GRADE 32 MPa

825

REINFORCED CONCRETE BAFFLE DETAIL

all dimensions in millimetres

DATE: 04/04/2000

OUTLET PIPE DETAIL

Scale:

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SHEET 8 OF 8
Catchment area estimated from 1:10000 and 1:100000 Topographical Maps -

- 880 ha

Soil Type – softwood type scrub soil

Catchment consists of approximately:

- 20 ha timbered areas assessed to be in fair hydraulic condition

- 2 ha of Paved Road

Remainder of catchment is cultivated with a mix of cropping/fallow or rotational improved pasture. The mix of this will change depending on time of year and possibly year to year.

Therefore assume approximately 1/3 each over catchment area.

- From FWS Design manual table 1.5 (a)

  Soil classified as B type according to Native Vegetation type.

- From Table (1.6)
  Catchment index $K_{II}$ would be:

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Thus $K_{II}$ index: (by proportion)

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Total $K_{II}$ = 77.4

Assume $K_{II}$ 75 to be conservative with runoff.

From FWS design charts (30 year record)

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Thus catchment yield =

- 75% (3 out of 4 years) = $880 \times 7 \times 10$ = 62 megalitres
- 50% (2 out of 4 years) = $880 \times 27 \times 10$ = 238 megalitres
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<th>EXAMPLES OF ASSOCIATED TIMBER</th>
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Table 1.5(a) Classifying soil type according to Native Vegetation

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Table 1.5(b) General Classification of Soil Types (Barton, 1965)
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*Including road reserve

**Table 1.6 Catchment Indexes KII**
(from USDA, 1971 amended for Qld data)

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(From WRFA, 1965)

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(Dormant Season May-Aug: Less than 36, 37 to 53, More than 53)

(Growing Season Sep-Apr: Less than 13, 14 to 28, More than 28)

(From USDA, 1971)

**Table 1.7 Criteria for Antecedent Moisture Conditions**

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Requested to supply following items in defence of appeal:

1. Any design changes (or foreseeable)

Note condition 7 of CounciL letter

2. Support calculations for USDA model

3. Design criteria for dam construction

Carvosso & Winship
P.O. Box 527
DALBY Qld 4405

Dear Sir,

Re: YOUR CLIENTS: [Redacted]
Your Ref. GCS:KMB:01117146

I wish to advise that an agreement can be drawn up in the terms as written in your letter, with the alteration to clause 3 as follows:

3. The owner of Lot 62 will obtain an undertaking from any Purchaser of Lot 62 to enter into an agreement with the owner of Lot 29, containing terms similar to the terms of this agreement.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted]
Owner
Dear Mr & Mrs Davis,

Re: Our Clients [REDACTED] and their son.

Our clients instruct us that they are the appellants in an appeal in relation to certain earth works to be constructed on your property. Our clients are the owners of the property described as Lot 29 on Crown Plan Dy80 and you are the owners of the adjoining property described as Lot 62 on Crown Plan Dy80. Our clients' appeal relates to construction of the catch drain which has approval to be constructed within three metres of the boundary of the two properties.

Our clients instruct us that, following discussions between the parties last Friday, you agreed not to construct the catch drain within 50 metre of the common boundary. Our clients require this agreement to be reduced to writing. They also have further requirements and have requested that we refer the matter to you for your consideration.

Our clients instruct us that they would like an agreement in the following terms:-

1. You will not construct a catch drain within 50 metres of the common boundary between lots 29 and 62;
2. Should your storage capacity be full and our clients’ property be inundated, you will take immediate action to remedy the inundation and, within a reasonable time, take action to permanently avoid recurrence of the inundation; and
3. You will obtain an undertaking from any Purchaser of Lot 62 to enter into an agreement with our client containing terms similar to the terms of this agreement.

We are instructed that both parties are presently parties to an agreement in relation to the pipeline traversing our clients' property. That agreement protects your interests and is working well. Our clients are looking to have a written agreement put in place in respect of the catch drain to protect their interests.

Please advise if the agreement proposed by our clients is acceptable to you. You may care to refer the matter to your own Solicitor for his advice. If so, we await his response in due course.
08 November 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re   Levee Bank Permit – Appeals

Reference is made to my letter dated 13 September 2001, concerning the above appeals which have been set down for hearing on the 3 and 4 December 2001.

I wish to advise that the Department of Natural Resources have further advised that the appeals will be held in the Magistrates Court, Heaney Street Chinchilla commencing at 9.30am on 3 December 2001. Attached is a copy of the Departments notice and notices of hearing.

As advised in letter dated 13 September you will be a co-defendant in defending the application and decision and Council requires details on whether you will be appearing and details of any expert witnesses that would be available.

Council is required to notify the Department of witnesses and details of any reports from witnesses by 19 November 2001.

Council would have the Engineer’s who prepared a report to Council appear at the hearing.

I will be going on leave on 16 November and as such you should make an appointment to discuss the approach to the hearings with the Engineer and myself.

I await your earliest response to the request for information to arrange the hearing and witnesses.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
30 October 2001

The Shire Engineer
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCILLA QLD 4413

Dear [Name]

RE: APPEAL UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993
v- CHINCILLA SHIRE COUNCIL
v- CHINCILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

Reference is made to the above appeals against a decision of Chinchilla Shire Council concerning an application for a permit to authorise levee bank works made by [Name].

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, the chief executive of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, or the chief executive’s delegate, is the appeal tribunal to hear and determine the appeal.

As advised recently by telephone, it is intended that both appeals will be heard together at 9:30am on Monday, 3rd, and Tuesday, 4th December 2001 at the Magistrates Court, Heeney Street, Chinchilla. Copies of the notices of hearing are attached.

It will be of assistance to the tribunal and the parties in expediting the progress of the hearing of the matter if the parties make pertinent information available for distribution prior to the hearing.

Accordingly you are requested to lodge the following information with the Chief Executive at the address provided below by Monday 19 November 2001:-

- a list of witnesses to be called to give evidence;
- copies (in triplicate) of reports from any expert witnesses.
This information you submit will be then forwarded to the Appellants early in the week preceding the hearing, at which time information provided by the Appellants will also be forwarded to you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

[Name Redacted]

for GENERAL MANAGER
WATER MANAGEMENT AND USE

Att. (2)

cc. [Name Redacted]

Principal Officer
Toowoomba
NOTICE OF CASE COMING BEFORE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

FOR HEARING

Local Government Act 1993 (Section 942)

In the matter of an appeal by IV, EJ and IM Sperling against a decision of Chinchilla Shire Council to approve an application by CT and [redacted] the owner/occupiers of Lot 62 on Plan DY80 and Lot 1 on PR198000, Parish of Ewer, for a permit to authorise levee bank works.

IV, EJ and IM Sperling
Vs.
Chinchilla Shire Council

You are hereby notified that at the sittings of the Appeal Tribunal to be held at the Chinchilla Magistrates Court, Heeney Street, Chinchilla at 9:30am on Monday and Tuesday the 3rd and 4th days of December, 2001. The above mentioned matter will be brought before the Tribunal, for hearing or otherwise, as may be ordered in that behalf.

Evidence you wish to give at the hearing of the above appeal should be prepared in a typed form or legible handwriting and available in triplicate (one for the appellants, one for the Council and one for the Tribunal).

The proceedings will be tape recorded and you may give verbal evidence in explanation (if necessary) of any matter contained in your typed or written statement of evidence.

It will assist the Tribunal in the expeditious conduct of its business if, prior to the hearing, any queries are directed to [redacted] on [redacted]

Signed at Brisbane this 30th day of October 2001.

Appeal Tribunal

Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCHELLA QLD 4413
NOTICE OF CASE COMING BEFORE APPEAL TRIBUNAL

FOR HEARING

Local Government Act 1993 (Section 942)

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Signed at Brisbane this 30th day of October 2001.

Appeal Tribunal

Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCHILLA QLD 4413
13 September 2001

“Wamba”
MS
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam

Re:  Levee Bank Permit – Appeals

Reference is made to the Levee Bank Permit approved by Council subject to conditions for the construction of storages etc. on the land described as Lot 62 on Plan DY807, Parish of Ewer.

Attached is a copy of the notice by appeal tribunal advising that the appeals will be heard on the 3 and 4 December, 2001 at a venue to be decided in the future.

As the applicant, Council would expect that you be available to appear at this tribunal to present the case for the approval.

If there are problems please advise as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
27 February 2001

Dear

Re: [Redacted] - Section 942 Appeal

In response to your telephone conversation on 26 February 2001, attached are details on the file on the above appeal against a decision of Council for a Levee Bank Application.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
government.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(4) If a person convicted of an offence against subsection (3) continues to commit the offence, the person commits a continuing offence.

Maximum penalty—1 penalty unit for each day on which the offence is continued.

Division 3—Appeals

Appeal against local government’s decision

942.(1) An appeal tribunal for hearing and deciding appeals against decisions of a local government on an application is formed by the chief executive of the department within which the Water Resources Act 1989 is administered or that chief executive’s delegate.

(2) A person aggrieved by a decision of a local government on an application may appeal to an appeal tribunal.

(3) The appeal must be started within 30 days after the person aggrieved is given written notice of the decision.

(4) The appeal is started by the person filing a notice of appeal with the chief executive mentioned in subsection (1) and giving a copy of the notice to the local government.

(5) As soon as practicable after the appeal is started, the chief executive officer of the local government must inform the chief executive mentioned in subsection (1) of the persons, other than the appellant, who made the application and who made submissions on the application.

(6) The person who is to form the appeal tribunal on the appeal must inform the appellant, the local government, and the persons mentioned in subsection (5) of the day, time and place for hearing of the appeal.

Decision on appeal

943.(1) An appeal tribunal may—

(a) dismiss an appeal and confirm the decision of the local
21 November 2000

"Wamba"
MS
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Permit Approval

Reference is made to your letter requesting Council to consider a variation to the purpose for the use of water from two (2) storages approved at the September Meeting of Council.

Council at the meeting held on 16 November 2000 resolved to obtain the advice of the Department of Natural Resources with regard to the use of overland water flow captured in storages.

Hopefully, this matter will be able to be resolved during the hearing of appeals process on Council’s decision to issue a Levee Bank Permit.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PO Box 42 Chinchilla 4413
Telephone: (07) 4662 7056 Fax: (07) 4662 7720
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
6 November 2000

Dear [Name]

Re: Levee Bank Application - Lot 62 on DY80 and Lot 1 on [Confidential]
Parish of Ewer

I refer to Council's letter dated 22 September 2000, advising of the approval of your application for the construction of two Earthen Dam Storages for Irrigation of Fodder Crops on the above allotments.

As mentioned in Council's letter, during the advertising period, Council was in receipt of two submissions from adjoining landholders.

I wish to advise that Council has received, from the Department of Natural Resources, notices of appeal lodged by [Confidential] and [Confidential] against Council's decision in respect to your application.

The appeals have been recorded for hearing and the Department of Natural Resources will be in contact with Council to arrange a suitable hearing date.

This advice is provided for your information.

If you have any further questions or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
M.S.
CHINCHILLA Qld 4413

3 November 2000.

The Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
P.O. Box 42
CHINCHILLA Qld 4413

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application on Lot 62 Plan DY80 and Lot 1 Parish of Ewer

With reference to your correspondence PF 2296 dated 22 September 2000 grant approval for the construction of storages (65ML and 160ML) for the purpose of irrigation of fodder crops, we wish to apply to council for a variation to the purpose of use. We wish to use the storage for irrigation for fodder crops, intensive livestock, livestock and domestic purposes.

Thanking you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Cc: [Redacted], FSA
- DNK Toowoomba

SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL ON 16/11/2000
REF [Redacted]
21 November 2000

The General Manager
Water Management & Use
Department of Natural Resources
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE Q 4001

Dear Sir,

Re: Appeal: Section 942 Local Government Act 1993
--v- Chinchilla Shire Council
--v- Chinchilla Shire Council

Further to your letter dated 24 October 2000, I now enclose a copy of all relevant material in this matter for your attention as requested.

Please advise Council of any further requirements at any time.

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
6 November 2000

“Wamba”
MS
CHINCHILLA 4413

Dear [Name],

Re: Levee Bank Application - Lot 62 on DY80 and Lot 1 on [Parish of Ewer]

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As mentioned in Council's letter, during the advertising period, Council was in receipt of two submissions from adjoining land holders.

I wish to advise that Council has received, from the Department of Natural Resources, notices of appeal lodged by [Name] and [Name] against Council's decision in respect to your application.

The appeals have been recorded for hearing and the Department of Natural Resources will be in contact with Council to arrange a suitable hearing date.

This advice is provided for you information.

If you have any further questions or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours faithfully,

[Name]

Chief Executive
24 October 2000

The Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCILLA QLD 4413

Dear Sir

APPEAL: SECTION 942 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

[v - Chinchilla Shire Council]

An appeal has been lodged by [redacted] against Council's decision in respect of an application by [redacted] for a permit for levee bank works on Lot 62 Plan DY80 and Lot 1 [redacted] Parish of Ewer.

The appeal has been recorded for hearing. You will be contacted in due course to arrange a suitable date for the hearing.

In order that the tribunal can be appropriately informed prior to the hearing, would you please forward details of the relevant application and decision, including copies of:

- the application made to Council;
- the public notice given in relation to the application;
- any objections lodged;
- Council's decision forwarded to the applicant and objectors;
- any technical or engineering reports relating to the application;
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- the notice of appeal given to Council by the appellant.

I would be pleased to receive this information at the earliest possible time. In the event that the decision that is the subject of this appeal is the same decision that is the subject of an appeal by R & H Flett, the submission of a single set of the above information will be satisfactory for the tribunal's requirements.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

for GENERAL MANAGER
WATER MANAGEMENT AND USE

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Mineral House, 41 George Street, Brisbane Q. 4000
GPO Box 2454 Brisbane Q. 4001
Telephone: (07) 3224 7378 Facsimile: (07) 3224 8359
24 October 2000

The Chief Executive Officer
Chinchilla Shire Council
PO Box 42
CHINCHILLA QLD 4413

Dear Sir,

APPEAL: SECTION 242 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

[Name] v Chinchilla Shire Council

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Comments:

Dear [Name],

Please find attached information concerning our objection to proposed earthworks in our area.

Yours faithfully,
October 20, 2000

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PO BOX 42
CHINCHILLA QLD 4413

Re - Construction of Earth Dam for the irrigation of fodder crops

APPLICANT:

[Redacted]
Wamba
MS
Chinchilla QLD 4413

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
Lot 62 on Plan
Lot 1 on
Parish of Ewer

Dear [Redacted]

Please find attached a copy of the letter of objection to the above stated earthworks. This is a copy of the letter forwarded to the Department of Natural Resources, Toowoomba. [Redacted] of the Department of Natural Resources instructed us to notify you of our objection.

To quote from our letter to The Department of Natural Resources, "In viewing the original plans by [Redacted] it was noted that the catch drain for storage No. 2 had no distance indicated from our boundary. Considering this drain will carry huge quantities of water we object to the minimum 3 metres council policy. We feel that 3 metres is totally inadequate and would suggest a distance of 50 metres be implemented to prevent inundation of our property." We are appealing against the local government's decision to give approval to the above mentioned earthworks because we are not satisfied with its ruling on clause [5]. Our objection is as quoted above.

Thankyou once again for your interest in this matter.

Yours faithfully,
October 20, 2000

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Department Of Natural Resources
PO BOX 318
TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

Re-Levee Bank Application

APPLICANT: Wamba MS Chinchilla QLD 4413

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Lot 62 on Plan
Lot 1 on PR Parish of Ewer

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing with reference to letter received from Chinchilla Shire Council PF2296.

In the Shire Council's letter of approval subject to certain conditions being fulfilled, Clause 5 states all drains and banks are to be constructed a minimum of 3 metres from the property boundary.

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Yours sincerely,
"Verbaedt"
M/S
CHINCHILLA 4413

17th October 2000

[Redacted]
Chief Executive
Chinchilla Shire Council
P O Box 42
CHINCHILLA 4413

Dear [Redacted]

RE: LEVEE BANK APPLICATION - [Redacted]

We do not agree with the Council's decision to approve construction of the above application and wish to make a formal appeal.

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We look forward to hearing from you regarding this issue.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted]
"Verland"
M/S
CHINCHELLA 4413

17th October 2000

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P O Box 42
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Yours faithfully

[Redacted]
22 September 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application - [Redacted]

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xi) The Department of Natural Resources formal advice that the projects are not required to be licensed under the Water Act shall be obtained prior to commencement of construction.

Should you not agree with Council’s decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 942 of the Local Government Act 1993, a copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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government.

Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.

(4) If a person convicted of an offence against subsection (3) continues to commit the offence, the person commits a continuing offence.

Maximum penalty—1 penalty unit for each day on which the offence is continued.

Division 3—Appeals

Appeal against local government’s decision

942.(1) An appeal tribunal for hearing and deciding appeals against decisions of a local government on an application is formed by the chief executive of the department within which the Water Resources Act 1989 is administered or that chief executive’s delegate.

(2) A person aggrieved by a decision of a local government on an application may appeal to an appeal tribunal.

(3) The appeal must be started within 30 days after the person aggrieved is given written notice of the decision.

(4) The appeal is started by the person filing a notice of appeal with the chief executive mentioned in subsection (1) and giving a copy of the notice to the local government.

(5) As soon as practicable after the appeal is started, the chief executive officer of the local government must inform the chief executive mentioned in subsection (1) of the persons, other than the appellant, who made the application and who made submissions on the application.

(6) The person who is to form the appeal tribunal on the appeal must inform the appellant, the local government, and the persons mentioned in subsection (5) of the day, time and place for hearing of the appeal.

Decision on appeal

943.(1) An appeal tribunal may—

(a) dismiss an appeal and confirm the decision of the local
In Reply Please Quote: PFA916

Our Ref: RF:NB
Your Ref:

2 August 2000

Executive Director
Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 318
TOOWOOMBA Q 4350

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application
Lot [redacted] & Lot [redacted] Chinchilla

Please find attached a levee bank application relative to the above project. According to a letter dated 20 July 2000, this application falls within the maximum flood heights of the Condamine River and as such is to be addressed under the Water Resources Act 1989.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
2 August 2000

MS

CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application
   Lot [redacted] & Lot 1 [redacted] Chinchilla

We wish to advise that on advice received from the Department of Natural Resources in letter dated 20 July 2000, a B/C copy which was forwarded to you, the above levee bank application falls within the maximum flood heights of the Condamine River and as such will now be addressed under the Water Resources Act 1989.

You should contact the Department of natural resources with regard to requirements associated with the licensing of the proposed structure.

Following on from a final determination, Council will consider what action is required by Council and the possibility of a refund of a portion of the application fee if the Department of Natural Resources approves with licensing.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Applicant: 

Land Description: Lot 62 on [redacted] and Lot 1 on [redacted] Parish of Ewer, Chinchilla

Land Owner: [redacted]

Tenure of Land: Freehold, Rural C

Nature of Work: Construction of two storages.

Purpose of Work: Irrigation of fodder crops.

Permit Required: Not advised in the application.

Advertising: The application is due to be advertised on 1 June 2000 and 8 June 2000 in accordance with Section 938 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, calling for support or objections for the proposal closing with Council on 30 June 2000.

Support or Objections:

Council is in receipt of two (2) objections to this proposal as detailed below.

The objection is on the following grounds;

1. "Going by these figures", as submitted by the applicant, "in low or even average rainfall years we will gain no water flow from this gully that the proposed dams are to be constructed on. Also when talking of overland flows you must realise the proposed dams could be filled more than once in one year if it rained late in the season and the original water was used."

2. "Also with the past experience with our neighbours there is no concern on their part as to what they allow to flow down the gully - effluent, chemicals, etc"

3. "If the walls were to fail, our small dams and buildings could be damaged"

Whilst not objecting, the submitter has advised that at the moment they have over 600 head of cattle relying mainly on this water supply and also proposing to expand to 250 head feedlot as well. The water is also used domestically for gardens and toilet. [redacted] have also advised that a lot of water entering Davis's farm is from their farm upstream, so they feel entitled to a share of the water.

Finally, they would like to see the Engineer who designed the dam to give a written report to Chinchilla Shire Council at the end to verify that everything was built according to his final plans.
Storage Area 2 – 160ML
This storage will be situated approximately 750m upstream of storage 1. Catchment of this storage is expected to be relatively shallow and will have a large surface area relative to its volume. Embankment height is to be approximately 3m high.

Water will be released from this storage to the lower area 1 as regularly as possible to avoid evaporation issues.

By wash construction will be similar to those in storage area 1. Catchment yield is calculated as 170ML in 50% of years.

Consideration

The following were items discussed during the on-site meeting held with the landowner on the 7 September 2000.

1. Catch drain arrangements to the western side of the storage areas were discussed to ensure no catchment diversion occurs as a result of the works, Council also clarified the meaning of catchment diversion with the applicant. It was determined that catchment diversion had been detailed and modification to his construction would be carried to ensure no diversion occurred, in particular from Lot 1 RP 198000.

2. Lack of details on the plan, indicating provision of a sump or protection arrangement between the existing feedlots and existing drainage channels. Visual inspection of the property has realised the location of both a levee around the upstream side of the feedlot and subsequent settling ponds to the downstream side of the feedlot. During the inspection it was noted that the settling ponds were in reasonable condition with sufficient storage to protect the waterways from contamination.

3. Timeframes involved in construction of the works the application indicated that while storage area 1 would be constructed almost immediately, storage area 2 may not be constructed until sometime in the future. The applicant was advised of Council's policy of allowing two (2) years in which to complete the works, and if these timeframe were exceed a subsequent new application would be required.

4. Lack of topographic information received with the application to fully assess the backup of water in storage area relative to the property boundary. In response to the lack of details, the applicants' consultant provided a peg line indicating the full supply level of the dam. These pegs were located some 2 to 3 metres from the property boundary in two locations. One of these regions is currently under crop, whilst the other location which is closer to the property boundary, is located in an area currently unsuitable for cropping.

It should be mentioned the pegs located on site showed the full supply level for storage area 2 prior to by-wash operations. It was advised that the by-washes were designed for a 1 in 100 year event running at 0.5m deep. This is to say, it is expected water may backup onto the neighbours land for a relatively short period of time whilst the storage exceeds its full supply level the storage is by-washing.

Comments on Objections:

1. This objection is on the ground of water sharing arrangements to which Council has no policy in place and therefore will not be discussed further.

2. This objection relates to two issues, which will be dealt with separately:
Council's current policy stipulates works are to be carried out within a minimum of 3 metres from any property boundary, subject to assessment of individual applications. This minimum dimension could be re-stipulated in the approval conditions.

Earthworks involved with the construction of banks associated with storage area 2 appear to be some 400 metres from the boundary, whilst the drain appears relatively close to the boundary. As already stated above, Council could stipulate that works shall be in line with its current policy of a minimum of 3 metres from the boundary.

This objection also relates to possible erosion on their property as a result of this structure. It must be mentioned that the structure is to be located downstream of the objector and therefore erosion, as a result of the structure is difficult to comprehend. Erosion may occur if the by-washes are constructed with insufficient capacity, and as a consequence the water in the storage dropped suddenly after the event leading to flow velocities exceeding their critical scour velocities.

Recommendations

Council could consider the approval of the proposed scheme incorporating the two storage areas (65ML & 160ML) as submitted by on land described as lot 62 DY 80 & Lot 1 RP 198000, Parish of Ewer, subject to the following:

1. Construction of the works shall commence within twelve (12) months of the date of the fulfilment of conditions and be completed within two (2) years of that date.

2. That the constructions of the works on the allotment be in accordance with sound engineering guidelines. The agricultural practises on the land shall be in accordance with industry best practices guidelines.

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Re - Construction of Earth Dam for the irrigation of fodder crops

APPLICANT: [Redacted]
Wamba
MS [Redacted]
Chinchilla QLD 4413

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Lot 62 on [Redacted]
Lot 1 on [Redacted]
Parish of Ewer

Dear [Redacted],

We are objecting to the above mentioned proposal to construct an earth dam on the above described property of [Redacted]. Our property is Lot 29 [Redacted] Parish of Ewer. We are situated on the Northern side of [Redacted].

Our objections are as follows:

1. The water held in Storage 2 will impede the free flow of water from our property in times of heavy or extended rainfall. This will lead to damage to soil structure and crops which are growing.

2. In the application presented, Clause 8 is not addressed and we are concerned that the water held in proposed Storage 2, may cause injury to our land. This damage could arise through the backing up of water onto our property. This will also result in slow drainage of water from our property once Storage 2 is full.

3. When we viewed the application details, it appears to us that when Storage 2 is filled, water could be backed up onto our property. This will cause ponding. Even when the water does not pond on our property, it is so close to the boundary, it will cause soakage.
4. The Catch drain which services Storage 2 finishes in close proximity to our boundary which will result in large bodies of water backing onto our property when Storage 2 is full. There are no specifications on the application regarding the distance from the boundary to the drain.

5. We strongly object to any form of earthworks (soil removal, levy banks, drains or head ditches) being carried out within 50 metres of our boundary. Any such works would severely affect our property by leading to erosion.

We are concerned that the levels presented in the proposal are not detailed and extensive enough.

Yours sincerely,
DEAR [REDACTED]

RE: CONSTRUCTION OF BANKS AND DAMS ON [REDACTED] PROPERTY

We're writing to object to the proposed dams on [REDACTED].

Our main concern is one paragraph in the proposed plan which is worded as follows:

Dam 1 Capacity is 65 megalitres
Dam 2 Capacity is 160 megalitres

An analysis of the catchments using the U.S.D.A. runoff model for small catchments and 30 years of rainfall records for Chinchilla has indicated that in 50% of years runoff from Catchment No. 1 will equal or exceed 95 megalitres while in 3 out of 4 years (75%) runoff will equal or exceed 27 megalitres. The analysis of the upper catchment area has indicated that in 50% of years runoff from this catchment will equal or exceed 170 megalitres while in 3 out of 4 years (75%) runoff will equal or exceed 44 megalitres.

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Another concern is if the walls were to fail, our small dams and buildings could be damaged.

We would like to see the engineer who designed the dams to give a written report to Chinchilla Shire Council at the end to verify that everything was built according to his final plans.

We have no objection against irrigation but we would be happy with the neighbour building a smaller capacity dam so that we might receive a greater share of overland flows.

Yours faithfully
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

CONSTRUCTION OF BANKS

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned application for a licence under the provision of section 937 of the Local Government Act 1993 has been made to Council.

Applicant: Wamba MS Chinchilla Q 4413

The owner of Lot 1 on Plan and Lot 1 on Parish of Chinchilla.

Proposed Works: Construction of Earth Dam for the irrigation of fodder crops.

A person being the owner or occupier of land likely to be affected by Licensing of the work may, in writing signed by them and addressed to the Chief Executive, Chinchilla Shire Council, object to such Licence being granted and the facts and circumstances relied on by the objector in support of the objection.

The application and plans are open to inspection at the Council Office and the last day appointed for the receipt of objections is 30 June, 2000.

Chief Executive

Chinchilla News – Thursday, 1 June, 2000
Chinchilla News – Thursday, 8 June, 2000
22 September 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your application for approval for the construction of two (2) Earthen Dam Storages for Irrigation of Fodder Crops on land described as Lot 62 on Plan DY80 and Lot 1 on RP198000, Parish of Ewer.

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x) The draft Condamine-Balonne Water Allocation & Management Plan which was released by the Queensland Government on the 14 June 2000 has indicated that new storage and diversion works including extensions and increase in diversion rates, based on overland flow, will have a lower priority in receiving a water share. Works not started before this date are at risk of not being recognised and therefore you may not be allowed to capture water in the event that the State Government feels it is necessary to exercise controls. Accordingly, it would be unwise to proceed with further development at this time. If you have any concerns about your situation you should contact the Department of Natural Resources in Toowoomba on [REDACTED]

xi) The Department of Natural Resources formal advice that the projects are not required to be licensed under the Water Act shall be obtained prior to commencement of construction.

During the advertising period Council was in receipt of two (2) submissions from adjoining land holders as follows:

i) [REDACTED] “Kildare” PO Box 21 CHINCHILLA Q 4413

ii) [REDACTED] “Verland” M/S [REDACTED] CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Should you not agree with Council’s decision you have the right of appeal in accordance with Section 942 of the Local Government Act 1993, a copy of which is attached.

Yours faithfully,

BC

Department of Primary Industries
PO Box 102
TOOWOOMBA Q 4350

For your information.

BC

Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 318
TOOWOOMBA Q 4350

For your information.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For your information.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

I, .......................................................... of .............................................................. in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant ..........................................................
(2) Postal Address ..........................................................
(3) Location of work (see also 10) Country .................................................. Parish ..............................................
Real Property Description ..................................................
Area ..........................................................
(4) Nature of Works  CONSTRUCTION OF EARTH DAM FOR IRRIGATION OF FODDER CROPS
(5) Purpose of Work ..........................................................

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(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much? N/A

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level N/A

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation) N/A
(a) Total length ............................................. metres
(b) Maximum depth ............................................. metres
(c) Width of top ............................................. metres
(d) Width at base ............................................. metres
(e) State nature of soil at site

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(8) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work ..............................................................
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(9) Period for which permit is required ........................................................................................................................

(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10 000 showing position of streams (if any), direction of flow
of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.

(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and
correct and I enclose herewith the required application fee.

Date ................................................. Signature of Applicant .................................

(1) If the applicant is purchasing the subject land, but the transfer documents have not yet been lodged for registration, he/she should ask the solicitor handling the sale to contact the Council and advise of the present position of the transaction.

(2) In terms of the Local Government Act 1936-1988, applications for permits are required to be advertised in accordance with the Council’s By-laws and even if no objections are received, or any objections are received and dismissed, there is no guarantee that the permit applied for will be granted.

(3) The applicant is warned against taking any action to construct any work until a permit from the Council has been received.

(4) All questions in relation to this application must be answered fully as failure to do so will lead to correspondence with consequent delay in dealing with the application.

(5) Applicants agree to pay the follow fees:-

a) Application fee for works less than $2000 in cost including advertising. $117

b) Application fee for works in excess of $2000 in cost including advertising. $500

c) Projects that require Engineering Consultants Reports which will include (b) above. Consultant Fees

Date 16 May 2000

Signature of Applicant
GUIDE FOR THE LODGEMENT OF A LEVEE BANK APPLICATION FORM

The following information is shown to indicate the minimum requirements upon which the application may be based. The supply of more detailed information additional to this guide may assist in expediting the assessment process.

i) Suitably Engineered design plan, with the following information to be shown;
   - Details of the proposed development to be located on an overall site plan at a scale of 1:10,000.
   - Topographic plan of the application showing a minimum of the following details:
     ➢ Current contour on the property, shown legibly with height profiles.
     ➢ Current overland flow paths, for identification of catchment area; the application should detail how it will deal with natural floodplain flows once structures are full to capacity;
     ➢ A sketch of the catchment boundaries on adjacent properties affected by the proposal
   - Clear indication of the size of the storage structures and their relationship with the proposal (both written and drawn); including:
     ➢ Capacity of the systems
     ➢ Location and size of any pumps proposed or currently existing (including relevant licences)
     ➢ Sizing calculation for Sumps
   - Bywash characteristics:
     ➢ Erosion control measures
     ➢ Indication on how bywash will return water to natural waterway within the applicant’s property, except where alterations are accepted by the community and are technically and environmentally sound.
   - Suitably scaled and detailed cross section of all structures and how they relate to natural land profiles and their relation to the following:
     ➢ Natural waterways
     ➢ Road reserves and current infrastructure
     ➢ Boundary clearances – head ditches/tail drains, bywash minimum 3 metres, ring tanks, (structures and situations will determine actual distance from boundary) – minimum 10 metres
     ➢ Buildings
     ➢ Vegetation regions

ii) Written report detailing the above requirements, including the full intent of the enterprise, impact on adjacent landowners, including details on notification of the works proposed to adjacent landowners, regardless of perceived impact.

iii) Basic analysis of existing soil structures, and how these relate to water handling structures.

iv) Should the application cause increases in flood flows, heights and velocities, it should be detailed in the application how these changes will be accommodated through the proposal.

v) Detail fully how the system, in particular the recycle system, handles first run-off to a minimum of the middle requirement under Best Management Practices of the enterprise (Cotton industry retain first 25mm).

vi) Integration or interrelationship of the proposed plans to the whole property irrigation (if others exist on the property).

vii) Catchment estimation, including how the proposal will handle relevant storm event, eg. 1 in 10 Year Average Recurrence Intervals.
CHINCILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

LODGEKMENT OF A LEVEE BANK APPLICATION FORM

- Written Report attached
- Site Plan (1:10,000) including distances relating to allotment boundaries
- Topographic plan including overland flow paths and contour data
- Evidence of notification of affected landowners
- Application form for lodgement of Levee Bank Application
- Details of area and type of irrigation proposed
- Detailed design of any structures (Cross-Sectional details of structures or irrigation proposal-head ditches, tail or recycle drains)

It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the above information is submitted with the application so that the Council can consider the application. Council also reserves the right to request additional information should the application submitted require further information.

Signature of the Applicant

Applicant’s Name (first name should be included)

Applicant’s Contact Number:  

Consultant’s Name  Chinchilla Irrigation and Pumping Services Pty Ltd

Consultant’s Contact Address  106 McGrath Highway Chinchilla Q 4413

Consultant’s Contact Number

Council Information Only

- Payment Received

Date of Lodgement

Name of Officer

C.E.O.
Chinchilla Shire Council
P.O. Box 42
CHINCHILLA Qld 4413

Dear Sir

LEVEE BANK APPLICATION - 

We wish to advise that we have approached and discussed the application with the following neighbouring property owners, regarding the above:

[Redacted]

Yours faithfully

[Redacted]
TECHNICAL REPORT

PROPOSED IRRIGATION STORAGE

DESIGN REPORT - APRIL 2000

General

This report refers to two proposed irrigation storages to be located on property which is approximately 17 kilometres to the south of Chinchilla.

It is proposed to construct two smaller storages on the property rather than a single larger storage. To construct a single larger storage at the site would require relocation of the existing structures constructed on the left bank of the gully. These structures consist of a feedlot and its associated tree shelterbelt, plus a silage storage area.

Both the proposed storages are to be constructed across the same broad based gully, which runs just to the north of the existing house. The lower storage (Storage No. 1) has a capacity of approximately 65 megalitres while the upper storage (Storage No. 2) would have a capacity of approximately 160 megalitres.

Water will be released from the upper storage to the lower storage via an outlet pipe through the embankment. A pump unit on the lower storage will allow water to be utilized for spray irrigation of fodder crops adjacent to the lower storage.

Details of the proposed project are described below.

Catchment

The catchment area above storage No 1 has been estimated from topographic maps to be approximately 250 hectares. An additional 100 hectares can be diverted to this storage using a catchdrain running around the base of the hill to the west of the proposed site giving a total catchment area of 350 hectares.

The catchment area supplying storage No 2 has been estimated to be approximately 420 hectares. An additional 210 hectares could be diverted to this storage using catchdrains to be constructed on the western side of the storage making the total catchment area for this storage up to 630 hectares.

Both catchments consist of Brigalow type scrub soils. The areas may be either partly row cropped, fallow or under improved pasture depending on the time of year. An estimate of runoff produced from a catchment containing Brigalow type soils is difficult due to the difference in runoff potential depending on how "wet" the catchment is at the time of the particular rainfall event. Therefore it is usual to be conservative when estimating runoff from these catchments.

An analysis of the catchments using the U.S.D.A runoff model for small catchments and 30 years of rainfall records for Chinchilla has indicated that in 50% of years runoff from catchment No. 1 will equal or exceed 95 megalitres while in 3 out 4 years (75%) runoff will equal or exceed 27 megalitres. The analysis of the upper catchment area has indicated that in 50% of years runoff from this catchment will equal or exceed 170 megalitres while in 3 out 4 years (75%) runoff will equal or exceed 44 megalitres.

It should be pointed out that estimation of runoff from small farm catchments is not an exact science and further research is being conducted to improve the knowledge of how catchments react to high intensity and short duration rainfall events. However the indicated runoff volumes should be used for long term project planning.
Storage No. 1

The proposed embankment is to be located across the broad based gully approximately 250 metres to the north of the house and just downstream of the existing dam on the left bank of the gully. This storage will be used as a "pump hole" for the proposed spray irrigation scheme (center-pivot irrigator) due to its proximity to the existing electricity supply.

The proposed embankment would have a height of approximately 3.6 metres with a crest length of 264 metres, batter slopes of 3 to 1 and a crest width of 4 metres.

Approximately 6500 cubic metres of compacted earth and clay fill would be required to construct the 3.6 metre high embankment. Some 1000 cubic metres of material which can be utilized in the outer zones of the embankment could be obtained from bywash construction. The remainder of material required for construction of the embankment will be obtained from inside the storage area. Construction of the compacted clay cutoff will also require an additional 550 cubic metres of material to be removed and replaced in the cutoff trench. Base of the cutoff trench is expected to be approximately 0.7 m below natural surface level however this would be subject to variation on site.

Excess flows from the catchment will be diverted through bywashes, to be located at each end of the proposed embankment, and returned to the gully downstream of the embankment. The bywashes consist of a level bench cut in a semi-circular shape at the ends of the embankment with the grassed return slope used to reduce the velocity of flows bypassing the storage. The bywashes have been designed to pass the flow estimated to be produced by a 1 in 100 year storm event on the catchment plus the design discharge from the bywashes on storage No. 2. Bywash inlet and outlet width will be 40 metres.

The bywash return slopes spread bywash flows and reduce water velocities by the use of good grass cover on the return slope. Thus it is important to establish and maintain good grass cover on the return slopes to prevent erosion.

Rock protection works will also be required on the ends and downstream toe of the embankment at the bywash outlet. This is to prevent erosion of the toe of the embankment by flows through the bywash. Protection works will consist of hand placed rock extending from approximately the center line of the embankment to a point approximately 2 metres downstream of the bywash outlet and to a height of 0.5 m above natural surface level.

Construction of the embankment as proposed will create a storage with a capacity of approximately 65 megalitres. Estimated catchment yield for this storage is 95 megalitres (50 % years) and 27 megalitres (75 % years) respectively.

Storage No. 2

The second embankment is to be located across the broad based gully approximately 750 metres upstream from storage No. 1. This storage is very shallow and has a large surface area in relation to its volume. Thus to minimize evaporation it is proposed to release as much of the stored water as possible to the lower storage which has a greater depth and smaller surface area.

The proposed embankment would have a height of approximately 3.0 metres with a crest length of 570 metres, batter slopes of 3 to 1 and a crest width of 4.0 metres.

Approximately 12 800 cubic metres of compacted earth and clay fill would be required to construct the 3.0 metre high embankment. Some 500 cubic metres of material for use in the outer zones of the embankment would be obtained from the bywash cuts while the remainder of material required for construction of the embankment will be obtained from inside the storage area. Construction of the compacted clay cutoff will also require an additional 1200 cubic metres of material to be removed and replaced in the cutoff trench. Base of the cutoff trench is expected to be approximately 0.7 m below natural surface level however this would be subject to variation on site. Excess flows from the catchment will be diverted through bywashes, to be located at each end of the proposed embankment. Bywashes are to be similar in construction to those on storage no.1. The bywashes have been designed to pass a flow estimated to be produced by a 1 in 100 year storm event on the catchment. Bywash inlet and outlet width will be 25 metres.
Construction of the embankment as proposed will create a storage with a capacity of approximately 160 megalitres. Estimated catchment yield for this storage is 170 megalitres (50% years) and 44 megalitres (75% years) respectively.

Outlet pipe

To allow water to be released from the upper storage (storage No. 2) a 200 mm diameter polythene pipe will be installed through the embankment. The outlet pipe will consist of 3 lengths of polythene pipe joined by bolted galvanized flanges. The center section will be approximately 2 metres in length, with the outer sections approximately 10 metres long. Where the outlet pipe passes through the compacted clay cutoff anti seep baffles will be installed to prevent seepage occurring along the pipe. The concrete baffles will be poured in position around the flanged sections of the pipe. Backfill for the full length of the outlet pipe trench will be hand placed, compacted clay material to prevent possible seepage along the pipe alignment. A valve will be located on the downstream end of the outlet pipe to control flow from the outlet pipe. A flap valve will be placed on the inlet end of the pipe to prevent loss of stored water should the outlet valve be damaged or require repair. A rock protected area will be required where the outlet pipe discharges on the downstream end.

Soils

A materials investigation has been carried out on the proposed site. This investigation consisted of the excavation and sampling of a number of test pits using a backhoe and post auger. Soils were visually classified as black and brown clays with medium plasticity. Soils on the site are suitable for construction of both embankments, however some precautions are required to be taken during construction. Some of the soils on the site show dispersive properties. Dispersive soils combined with poor compaction have accounted for more farm dam failures than any other mode of failure combined. However it is possible to construct a reliable earth embankment for an on farm storage utilizing dispersive soils providing correct moisture control and proper compaction techniques are applied.

Conclusion

Successful construction of both of these storages will require careful moisture control and compaction of the clay core and cutoff trench. You should insure that your selected contractor is aware of this and accepts responsibility for providing suitable compaction equipment and its operation.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss any details of this project please contact me on [redacted]

Regards

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Chinchilla Irrigation and Pumping Services
CHINCILLA IRRIGATION AND PUMPING SERVICES PTY LTD
A.C.N. 074 566 273
Warrego Highway CHINCILLA Q 4413
Tel (07) 4662 8469 and Fax (07) 4662 8589

DESIGN CREST LEVEL EL 51.80
FULL STORAGE LEVEL EL 50.80

BATTER SLOPE 3:1
Selected Clay Core
3.0 M Minimum

BATTER SLOPE 3:1
Topsoil Cover
150 mm Min

Compacted earth fill
Compacted earth fill
Natural Surface
Natural Surface

2.5
1

2.5
1

2.5 M Minimum

Cut-off (see notes)

Notes: Cut-off to extend at least 300 mm into natural clay zone
and to be backfilled with well compacted clay.

DATE: 04/04/2000

- EMBANKMENT No. 1 Scale: Not to Scale DRAWN I.S.R SHEET 2 OF 8
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TEST HOLE NO. 1

0.0
0.1
1.0
2.0
Topsoil.
Black Clay (Cl) D
Brown Clay (Cl) D

TEST HOLE NO. 2

0.0
0.1
0.8
1.4
2.0
Topsoil.
Black Clay (Cl) D
Brown Clay (Cl) N.D.
Brown Clay (Cl) N.D.

TEST HOLE NO. 3

0.0
0.1
2.0
Topsoil
Brown Clay (Cl) D

TEST HOLE NO. 4

0.0
0.1
1.2
2.0
Topsoil
Brown Clay (Cl) D
Brown Clay (Cl) D.

TEST HOLE NO. 5

0.0
0.1
2.0
Topsoil
Brown Clay (Cl) D

TEST HOLE NO. 6

0.0
0.1
2.0
Topsoil
Brown Clay (Cl) N.D.

NOTES: Soils visually classified only; D - indicates Dispensive; ND - Non Dispensive

DATE: 04/04/2000

TEST HOLE LOGS

Scale:

DRAWN I.S.R

SHEET 4 OF 8
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DESIGN CREST LEVEL EL 54.45
FULL STORAGE LEVEL EL 53.25

BATTER SLOPE 3:1
Selected Clay Core
Compacted earth fill
2.5

Topsoil Cover
150 mm Min

BATTER SLOPE 3:1
Compacted earth fill

Natural Surface

Cut-off (see notes)

2.5 M Minimum

2.5 M Minimum

Notes: Cut-off to extend at least 300 mm into natural clay zone and to be backfilled with well compacted clay.

DATE: 04/04/2000

- EMBANKMENT No. 2 Scale: Not to Scale DRAWN I.S.R SHEET 6 OF 8
END OF EMBANKMENT AND BYWASH CUT
BATTER SLOPES 2:1

BYWASH CUT 0.2 M MAX

BYWASH - EL 53.25
FREEBOARD 1.20 M

BYWASH OUTLET WIDTH 25 M

RIGHT BANK BYWASH

BENCH CUT

25

TO LEVEL

HAND PLACED ROCK PITCHING TO BE INSTALLED ON EMBANKMENT AT BYWASH OUTLET

DATE: 04/04/2000

CHINCILLIA IRRIGATION AND PUMPING SERVICES PTY LTD
A.C.N. 074 598 273
Warrego Highway CHINCILLIA Q 4413
Tel (07) 4662 9499 and Fax (07) 4662 8589
BATTER SLOPES 2:1

FREEBOARD 1.20 M

BYWASH EL 53.35

BYWASH CUT 0.3 M MAX

BYWASH OUTLET WIDTH 25 M

LEFT BANK BYWASH

BENCH CUT

25

TO LEVEL

- BYWASH DETAIL No. 2 Scale: Not to Scale DRAWN I.S.R SHEET 7 OF 8
CHINCHILLA IRRIGATION AND PUMPING SERVICES PTY LTD
A.C.N. 074 588 273
Warrego Highway CHINCHILLA Q 4413
Tel (07) 4662 8469 and Fax (07) 4662 8589
S/S CABLE TO OPEN VALVE

CONSTRUCTION LEVEL

DOWNSTREAM

ROCK PROTECTION WORKS TO BE PLACED AT OUTLET

200 DIA FLAP VALVE

200 DIA PN8 POLYTHENE OUTLET PIPE INVERT LEVELS TO BE DETERMINED ON SITE

COMPACTED CLAY CORE

CONCRETE BAFFLE CAST DIRECTLY INTO EXCAVATION

OUTER BAFFELS TO BE CAST AROUND OUTLET PIPE FLANGED JOINTS

200 DIA OUTLET VALVE

RC BAFFLE INSTALLATION
NOT TO SCALE

150 min

1100

F62 REINFORCING FABRIC OR 10 DIA BARS AT 250 CENTRES
50 mm COVER FOR ALL REINFORCEMENT
CONCRETE GRADE 32 MPa

DATE: 04/04/2000

REINFORCED CONCRETE BAFFLE DETAIL

OUTLET PIPE DETAIL

Scale:

DRAWN I.S.R

SHEET 8 OF 8
19 June 2000

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your application for a Levee Bank Permit for the construction of surge and Reservoir Embankment for the purpose of irrigation of water melons and other small crops on land described as Lot 8 on Plan Parish of Buchan.

The application was considered by Council at the general meeting held on 15 June 2000 with approval being granted for the construction of the original application for the surge and reservoir embankments on Lot 8 on Parish of Buchan subject to the following conditions;

i) That approval be granted for the ringtank and banks only contained on this allotment as previously submitted, for a period of two years with provision to renew for a period to be determined by Council at that time, provided that there are no problems arising as a result of works.

This clause specifically excludes the bank as submitted on 16th May 2000 with detail significantly different from those advised on site and originally submitted.

ii) That the construction of the ringtank and banks located on the allotment be in accordance with Sound Engineering guidelines.

iii) Construction of the works shall commence within twelve (12) months of the date of fulfilment of conditions and be completed within two (2) years of that date.

iv) The applicant shall be solely responsible for repairing any damage as a result of soil erosion or whatever associated with the proposal on both lot 8 on LY148 and any lots affected by the structure.

v) Advise that the proposed bank situated at Lot 8 on and Lot 5 on significantly changes the initial proposal and is required to be handled under a separate application.

Due to concerns over catchment boundaries associated with this bank, further topographic information in required to be submitted.

vi) That the approval includes provision, for pumping water only from the Nudley lagoon.
viii) That pumping operations from Nudley Creek shall be licensed by the Department of Natural Resources with copies of licenses provided to Council.

During the advertising period Council was in receipt of three objections as follows:

i) "Llanio" MS
   CHINCHILLA Q 4413

ii) Hateley Enterprises Pty Ltd
    160 Wilston Road
    NEWMARKET Q 4051

iii) "Haliden"
     CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Should you not agree with Council’s decision you have a right to appeal the decision in accordance with Section 942 of the Local Government Act 1993 (a copy of which is attached).

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

BC Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 273
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

BC Engineer

For your information.

[Redacted]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
8 June 2000

Mayor and Councillors
Chinchilla Shire Council
CHINCHILLA Q 4413

Councillors,

Levee Bank Application – D Dickman

Re:

Applicant: [Redacted]
Land Description: Lot 8 on [Redacted] Parish of Buchan, Chinchilla
Land Owner: Bar-K Farming Pty Ltd
Tenure of Land: Freehold, Rural C
Nature of Work: Construction of Surge and Reservoir Embankment
Purpose of Work: Irrigation of watermelons and other small crops
Permit Required: The owner has requested a period of 10 years for the permit.
Advertising: The application has been advertised on 29 July and 5 August 1999 in accordance with Section 938 (2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1993, calling for support or objection for the proposal closing with Council on 27 August 1999.

Support or Objection: Council was in receipt of one objection at the time of closing of submission with Council.

[Redacted], his objection is as follows;

'it is not clear if the application is to pump water from Nudley Creek. From the documents this seems to be the case. If this is so, I hope it is noted that there are several applications pending the WAMP review and all landowners should be allowed their fair share of water. This is particularly so when there is a partial flow from Drabsch's Gully which sometimes fills the creek along for several properties.

While I am not objecting outright to this proposal, I hope the Council has some influence on those that control this resource to come forward with a means to allow everyone equal access to the water, not just a couple of landholders.

I am one of those land owners who wants to use the water as well.'
An emersion class test has been performed at the location with a class number 2 being achieved with a medium to low plasticity. The emersion class test is used to test the dispersive nature of the material, which is ranked from 1 to 8. Class 1 being the most dispersive material when emersed in water.

Incorporated in the application is a 20 inch mixed flow Chinese pump to deliver 50Ml per day from the surge dam to the reservoir and an 8 inch pressure pump to deliver water directly to crops via a network of drippers.

Attached are plans for Council's consideration.

Consultation

During an on-site meeting held with the land owner, and the previous Council terms levee bank committee on 17 November 1999, a number of issues were discussed as follows:

Provision of sump arrangements and its capacity to retain rainfall overland flow on the applicants property. Further, whether the proposed structures, to retain overland flow produce any levee impact on the Nudley Creek.

During the meeting the applicant, advised that water would be contained in the 'Nudley lagoon', (which has sufficient capacity to retain rainfall overland flow) and further that he had written advice from Department of Natural Resources, Roma division that advised this lagoon did not constitute a Water Course under the Water Resources Act, as detail below;

'This letter confirms advice given to you by Steve Sorensen of this Department during a recent inspection on your property. You requested a determination as to whether two features on your property constitutes a watercourse as defined under the Water Resources Act 1989.

The first feature inspected is known as Nudley Lagoon. Whilst the feature itself would be defined as a 'lake' under the Water Resources Act it is wholly contained on your property and the right to use a flow and control of water does not vest in the Crown. Crown vesting only occurs under the Water Resources Act 1989 if it is a lake or spring that is situated within or abuts the land of 2 or more owners or occupiers.

Any flow into Nudley Lagoon from high flows in Nudley Creek occur from flows breaking over the high bank of Nudley Creek and these is no defined flow channel. This is considered to be overland flow. At the present time a Waterwors Licence would not be required for works involving Nudley Lagoon or the overland flow entering it unless the works constituted a Referable Dam is an embankment over 5 metres high and storing more than 50 megalites.

The second feature inspected was a shallow depression on which you have an existing stock dam. It is not considered that this depression constitutes a watercourse under the Water Resources Act 1989 as it lacks any real definition with regard to bed and banks and it also does not exhibit any waterholes which could convey a riparion right. Therefore, the only way that a Waterworks Licence would be required for works on the depression would be if a Referable Dam were involved.'

From the inspection on-site, it was determined that the bank as proposed, and its relative height with respect to the Nudley Creek, would not produce any levee impacts on the Creek.
iii) Construction of the works shall commence within twelve (12) months of the date of fulfillment of conditions and be completed within two (2) years of that date.

iv) The applicant shall be solely responsible for repairing any damage as a result of soil erosion or whatever associated with the proposal on both the lot 8 on [redacted] and any lots affected by the structure.

v) Advise that the proposed bank situated at lot 8 on [redacted] and lot 5 on [redacted] significantly changes the initial proposal and is required to be handled under a separate application.

Due to concerns over catchment boundaries associated with this bank, further topographic information is required to be submitted.

vi) That the approval includes provision, for pumping water only from the Nudley lagoon. A separate application through the Department of Natural Resources for pumping from the Nudley Creek in this region would be required.

b) Non-approval due to change in the scope of works.

That Council advise the owner, that due to the significant change in scope of works, by addition of the bank as submitted 16 May 2000, a re-advertisement of the application would be required.

Further to this re-advertisement, Council also request further topographic information relating to this bank and upstream area to allow catchment boundary identification.

Advise the applicant, that this proposal would be placed on hold, until both the advertising period closed and satisfactory topographic information is supplied to Council.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

ENGINEER

Presented to the General Meeting of the Chinchilla Shire Council held on the 15 June 2000.

[Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
1st June, 2000.

"Haliden", M.S.
Chinchilla. Q. 4413.

The Chinchilla Shire Council,
Heeney Street,
Chinchilla. Q. 4413.

Dear Sir,

RE: Diversion of Watercourse to Proposed Ringtank
by D. Dickman

We hereby lodge our written objection to the above-mentioned proposal by [redacted], as it intends to deprive our farming operations of vital water downstream from this proposal's location.

Yours Sincerely,
Hateley Enterprises Pty. Ltd.  ACN 084 041 921
Trustee for the Hateley Family Trust

160 Wilston Road
Newmarket
QLD 4051

Chinchilla Shire Council
Heeney Street
Chinchilla
QLD 4413

Attention: [Redacted]

Re: Contour bank for [Redacted] Bar K Farming

Dear Sir,

I am aware of the proposal to put a contour bank through the south east corner of our property namely Lot 5.

Whilst we have no objection to this contour bank in the short term, we reserve our rights to withdraw our approval at any time.

Yours Faithfully

[Redacted]

Director

[Signature]

Registered Office: 4/45 Railway Road, Blackburn, VIC 3130
BAR-K FARMING PTY LTD LEVEE APPLICATION

BAR – K

PROPOSED OVERLAND FLOW DAM

LEVEE APPLICATION

Compiled by  Irrigation Design Services
P.O. Box 920
Goondiwindi Qld
4390
Ph 0412 822 946

IRRIGATION DESIGN SERVICES

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land.

I, [Name Redacted] of Chinchilla, in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant: [Name Redacted]
(2) Postal Address: Wambo Street, Chinchilla, QLD 4413
(3) Location of work (see also 10): Country: Australia, Parish: Bucasia, Real Property Description: [Specific Details Redacted], Area: [Specific Area Redacted]
(4) Nature of Works: Construction of Surge and Reservoir Embankments.
(5) Purpose of Work: Irrigation of Water Melons and other small crops.
(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank): -
   (a) Total length of levee bank: 2,600 metres
   (b) Maximum height: 4.99 metres
   (c) Width of top: 4.5 metres
   (d) Width of base: 4.0 metres
   (e) Materials of which bank will be constructed: Predominantly Sandy clay soils
   (f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much: 4.99 metres
   (g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level: 4.99 metres
(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation):
   (a) Total length: metres
   (b) Maximum depth: metres
   (c) Width of top: metres
   (d) Width at base: metres
   (e) State nature of soil at site: [Specific Details Redacted]
(8) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work. All water washed over the surge dam will be returned to the natural waterway before entering the neighbouring property.

(9) Period for which permit is required

(10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10 000 showing position of streams (if any), direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.

(11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the required application fee.

Date 15-12-97

Signature of Applicant

(1) If the applicant is purchasing the subject land, but the transfer documents have not yet been lodged for registration, he/she should ask the solicitor handling the sale to contact the Council and advise of the present position of the transaction.

(2) In terms of the Local Government Act 1936-1988, applications for permits are required to be advertised in accordance with the Council's By-laws and even if no objections are received, or any objections are received and dismissed, there is no guarantee that the permit applied for will be granted.

(3) The applicant is warned against taking any action to construct any work until a permit from the Council has been received.

(4) All questions in relation to this application must be answered fully as failure to do so will lead to correspondence with consequent delay in dealing with the application.

(5) Applicants agree to pay the follow fees:-

a) Application fee for works less than $2000 in cost including advertising. $117

b) Application fee for works in excess of $2000 in cost including advertising. $500

c) Projects that require Engineering Consultants Reports which will include (b) above. Consultant Fees

Date 5/10/99

Signature of Applicant
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

GUIDE FOR THE LODGEMENT OF A LEVEE BANK APPLICATION FORM

The following information is shown to indicate the minimum requirements upon which the application may be based. The supply of more detailed information additional to this guide may assist in expediting the assessment process.

i) Suitably Engineered design plan, with the following information to be shown:
   - Details of the proposed development to be located on an overall site plan at a scale of 1:10,000.
   - Topographic plan of the application showing a minimum of the following details:
     ➢ Current contour on the property, shown legibly with height profiles.
     ➢ Current overland flow paths, for identification of catchment area; the application should detail how it will deal with natural floodplain flows once structures are full to capacity;
     ➢ Catchment boundaries on adjacent properties affected by the proposal
   - Clear indication of the size of the storage structures and their relationship with the proposal (both written and drawn), including:
     ➢ Capacity of the systems
     ➢ Details of any pumps proposed or currently existing (including relevant licences)
     ➢ Sizing calculation for Sumps
   - Bywash characteristics:
     ➢ Erosion control measures
     ➢ Indication on how bywash will return water to natural waterway within the applicant’s property, except where alterations are accepted by the community and are technically and environmentally sound.
   - Suitably scaled and detailed cross section of all structures and how they relate to natural land profiles and their relation to the following:
     ➢ Natural waterways
     ➢ Road reserves and current infrastructure
     ➢ Boundary clearances
     ➢ Buildings
     ➢ Vegetation regions

ii) Written report detailing the above requirements, including the full intent of the enterprise, impact on adjacent landowners, including details on notification of the works proposed to adjacent landowners, regardless of perceived impact.

iii) Basic analysis of existing soil structures, and how these relate to water handling structures.

iv) Should the application cause increases in flood flows, heights and velocities, it should be detailed in the application how these changes will be accommodated through the proposal.

v) Detail fully how the system, in particular the recycle system, handles first run-off to include as a minimum, the maximum requirement under Best Management Practices of the enterprise (Currently 50mm for Cotton).

vi) Integration or interrelationship of the proposed plans to the whole property irrigation (if others exist on the property).

vii) Catchment estimation, including how the proposal will handle relevant storm event, eg. 1 in 50 Year Average Recurrence Intervals.
CHINCHILLA SHIRE COUNCIL

LODGERMENT OF A LEVEE BANK APPLICATION FORM

☑ Written Report attached
☑ Site Plan (1:10,000) including distances relating to allotment boundaries
☑ Topographic plan including overland flow paths and contour data
☑ Evidence of notification of affected landowners
☑ Application form for lodgement of Levee Bank Application
☑ Details of area and type of irrigation proposed
☑ Detailed design of any structures
  (Cross-Sectional details of structures or irrigation proposal-head ditches, tail or recycle drains)

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the above information is submitted with the application so that the Council can consider the application. Council also reserves the right to request additional information should the application submitted require further information.

Signature of the Applicant

Applicant's Name (first name should be included)

Applicant's Contact Number:

Consultant's Name

Consultant's Contact Address

P.O. Box 920
Goodwind 611
4390.

Consultant's Contact Number

Council Information Only

☐ Payment Received

Date of Lodgement ____________________________

Name of Officer ______________________________
Bar – K

Proposed Overland Flow Dam Levee Bank Application

1. General

The property Bar – K is located 40km North East of Chinchilla of the Pelican Road. It is proposed to construct a 90ML surge dam incorporating Nudley Lagoon and a 300ML above ground storage. Overland flow will firstly be captured in the gravity fill surge dam and then be pumped to the adjacent above ground storage for delivery to Water Melon crops during the growing season. A general layout diagram showing all works has been included in appendix A.

2. Catchment

The dam catchment comprises approximately 500ha. This catchment consists mainly of Box Belah, brigalow and some Bulloak timber. A topographic plan showing flow paths and contour data is included in appendix B.

3. Surge dam

It is proposed to construct a 90ML surge dam to capture overland flow and act as a buffer for a reservoir pumpstation. The surge dam incorporates Nudley Lagoon and has a top water level of 48.60m. Two bywash areas will be constructed and are to be set at a minimum width of 70m. All bywash areas are to be grassed to prevent erosion. Bywash water will be returned to the natural water way via a grassed water way and in turn into Nudley Creek as it would in an unaltered state. Surge Dam top bank level is to be set 1.80m above top water level. A diagram showing the surge dam embankment cross section is included in Appendix C.
6.3 Stripping of Workface

Construction shall be carried out on one workface only. The in-situ moisture content of this workface must be maintained. Should there be any delay in the construction program the entire workface must be stripped and tyned to a depth of 100mm. This stripping must be conducted at the commencement of construction each day.

6.4 Compaction

An 815B Caterpillar Compactor or equivalent shall be used to compact the reservoir embankment. It is expected that the level of compaction achieved by this size compactor will be in excess of 95 percent as measured from a standard proctor test. Specified compaction is expected to be achieved after a minimum of 8 passes of a tamping roller, this may be determined visually when the roller starts to “walk out” of the earthfill layer. The compactor shall continually traverse the embankment during construction with priority given to the core zone and core trench. The compactor shall also traverse the inner and outer zones of the embankment. Construction of the reservoir embankment shall take place only when the compactor is operational.

7 Reservoir Pumpstation

A 20 inch mixed flow Chinese pump is proposed to be installed to deliver 50ML per day from the surge dam to the reservoir. An eight-inch high pressure pump will also be incorporated into the pumpstation to deliver water to crops via a network of drippers. A diagram of a typical pumpstation installation has been included in Appendix F.

8 Notification of Affected Landowners

The only affected landowner has been notified and discussions are continuing. Bywash water from the surge dam will be conveyed back to the natural waterway before entering the neighbouring property and discharge into Nudley Creek as previous. A diagram showing the distance of the works from the property boundary is also included in appendix G.
APPENDIX A
APPENDIX B
APPENDIX C
APPENDIX D
APPENDIX E
# DETERMINATION OF EMERSON CLASS NUMBER OF SOIL

**CLIENT:** SUDHOLZ PTY LTD  
**PROJECT:** MATERIALS TESTING  
**LOCATION:** GOONDIWINDI  
**DATE:** 1/6/99  
**PROJECT NO.:** 53468  
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Tested by: JP  
Checked by: DE

**Laboratory:** Brisbane 1289  
**Report No.:** B99-0419

**Signed:**

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**Douglas Partners**  
Geotechnics - Environment - Groundwater
RESULTS OF MOISTURE CONTENT, PLASTICITY AND LINEAR SHRINKAGE TESTS

CLIENT: SUDHOLZ PTY LTD
PROJECT: MATERIALS TESTING
LOCATION: GOONDIWINDI

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Legend:
- W: Moisture Content
- WL: Liquid limit
- WP: Plastic limit
- IP: Plasticity index
- LS: Linear shrinkage from liquid limit condition (Mould length 125mm)

Test Methods:
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- Plastic Limit: AS 1289.3.2.1 - 1995
- Plasticity Index: AS 1289.3.3.1 - 1995
- Linear shrinkage: AS 1289.3.4.1 - 1995

* Specify if sample crumbled CR or curried CU

Sample history for plasticity tests:
1. Air dried
2. Low temperature (<50°C) oven dried
3. Oven (105°C) dried
4.Unknown

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5. Dry sieved
6. Wet sieved
7. Natural

Laboratory: Brisbane 1289
Report No: B99-0418

Tested by: JP
Checked by: DE

Date: 1/6/99
Project No: 53468
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Douglas Partners
Geotechnics - Environment - Groundwater
RESULTS OF PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION TEST

CLIENT: SUDHOLZ PTY LTD
DATE: 31/5/99

PROJECT: MATERIALS TESTING
PROJECT No.: 83488

LOCATION: DICKMAN TP2
TEST LOC.: 1

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PRETREATMENT

LOSS IN MASS ON PRETREATMENT: 0.00%  TESTED: T.T.

TEST METHOD: AS 1289 6.3.2  CHECKED: D.E.

LABORATORY: BRISBANE  REPORT No.: 899-416

SIGNED: [Signature]

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APPENDIX F
25 October 1999

Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 273
CHINCHELLA Q 4413

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Attached please find copies of Levee Bank Applications recently received by Council as follows;

1. [Redacted] - Lot 1 on [Redacted] Parish of Ewer
   Application has been advertised receiving one (1) objection [Redacted]

   Application has been advertised receiving one (1) objection PR Etheridge.

   Application is to be advertised on 28 October 1999 calling for objections to close on 26 November 1999.

   Plans have been received, however application form and fees are outstanding.

Would you please consider these applications and Council's Consulting Engineers will contact you regarding inspections etc.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PO Box 42 Chinchilla 4413
Telephone: (07) 4662 7056 Fax: (07) 4662 7720
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
9 August 1999

[Address partially redacted]

Dear Sir,

Re: Levee Bank Application

Reference is made to your recent application lodged for the proposal construction of an off-stream storage on land described as Lot 8 [redacted] Parish of Buchan, County of Lytton.

I wish to advise that Council is unable to consider the application due to the lack of information, which is required to allow full assessment as follows;

1. Suitably sized plan to fully identify current land profiles.
2. Plans of proposed banks showing proposed construction details or type constructions.
3. Relationship between proposed storage and allotment boundary.
4. A plan of property, to a scale 1:10000 showing positioning of stream, direction of flow of water, location of works for overlaying on topography plan.
5. Plan should be prepared by a suitably qualified consultant.

The application has been placed on hold pending the receipt of the abovementioned information and once received further assessment will continue.

Council awaits the receipt on the required information.

Yours faithfully,

[Name redacted]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Dear Sir,

I am writing in regards to the application by [Redacted] for off-stream storage for water conservation.

It is not clear if the application is to pump water from Mudley Creek from the document this seems to be the case. If this is so I hope it is noted that there are present applications pending the WAP's review and all landowners should have allowed their fair share of water. This in particular is so when there is a partial failure of the Dunsor, Sally which sometimes fills the creek along for several kilometres.

While I am not directly connected to the proposal, I hope the Council has some influence on those that control the process to come forward with a means to allow everyone equal access to the water, not just a couple of landholders.

I am one of those landowners who want to use the water as well.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted]

This application is required to be made by the registered owner of freehold land or the registered lessee of Crown leasehold land

I, .......................................................................................................................... of .................................................................

in the Shire of Chinchilla, being the owner/lessee of land situated as hereunder described and shown on the accompanying plan and upon which land is proposed to be constructed the work hereunder described, do hereby apply for a permit in respect of the said work.

(1) Name of Applicant .................................................................

(2) Postal Address ..............................................................................

(3) Location of work (see also 10) Country ........................................................................ Parish .................................................................

Real Property Description ........................................................................

Area ...................................................................................

(4) Nature of Works OFF STREAM STORAGE

(5) Purpose of Work WATER CONSERVATION

(6) Particulars of Work (if levee bank)

(a) Total length of levee bank ............................................. metres

(b) Maximum height ............................................. metres

(c) Width of top ............................................. metres

(d) Width of base ............................................. metres

(e) Materials of which bank will be constructed Compacted Clay

(f) If levee bank is on one side of stream, is levee bank crest higher or lower than lowest point on opposite bank and by how much? Higher by 4.90m APPROX

(g) Height of top of bank above highest known flood level 4.90

(7) Particulars of work (if drain or other excavation)

(a) Total length ............................................. metres

(b) Maximum depth ............................................. metres

(c) Width of top ............................................. metres

(d) Width at base ............................................. metres

(e) State nature of soil at site

.................................
(8) Provision for preventing injury to other land arising from proposed work ..................................  
 ..........................................................  
  
 (9) Period for which permit is required ................................................. 10 YEARS  
 
 (10) Plan of property, strictly to scale of 1:10 000 showing position of streams (if any), direction of flow of all water, location of work, property boundaries and typical cross sections of work.  
 
 (11) Plan (to scale) of proposed levee bank showing proposed construction details.  
 
 I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein is true and correct and I enclose herewith the required application fee.  
 
 Date  14-7-99  
 
 Signature of Applicant