




Speech By
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NOTICE OF MOTION

Paradise Dam, Parliamentary Inquiry

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.13 am): I give notice that I will move—

1. That the State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee investigate the Paradise Dam's design, construction and operation; and the Palaszczuk government's decision to lower the dam wall by five metres.
2. The committee should consider:
 - (a) the design of the dam and whether it was appropriate;
 - (b) how the dam was constructed including under a competitive alliance contract, the impact of Walter Construction Group going into receivership halfway through and the use of roller compacted concrete;
 - (c) how the dam has been operated;
 - (d) how the permanent reduction in the capacity of the dam will impact the region's water security and agricultural production and the flow-on effects to the regional economy and jobs;
 - (e) why the Palaszczuk government has decided to lower the dam by five metres, releasing 105,000 megalitres of water in just 10 weeks; and
 - (f) whether a claim could be made against those who built the dam or under Sunwater's insurance arrangements.
3. In conducting the hearing, the committee is asked to:
 - (a) conduct hearings in the Wide Bay region; and
 - (b) order those involved in the design and construction of the dam to appear at the inquiry.