

## **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 674**

**Asked on Tuesday, 9 May 2006**

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MISS ROBERTS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND WATER (MR PALASZCZUK)—

QUESTION:

Why was the public given the opportunity via discussion papers to express their views regarding The Bruce Highway bypass however the same opportunity was not provided to those who could be affected by The Traveston Dam?

ANSWER:

In the production of the Draft Mary Basin Water Resource Plan, extensive discussion occurred on making water available for future growth for the Mary Valley and south-east Queensland. Presentations were also given to the community reference panel for the Draft Plan about the South East Queensland Regional Water Supply Strategy.

The Draft Mary Basin Water Resource Plan incorporates provision for a reserve for significantly increased take of water upstream of Gympie. The proposed Traveston Dam site represents the best future water development option to meet the long term growth needs of the region.

Extensive community consultation will be undertaken during the feasibility studies and impact assessment studies before necessary Commonwealth and State approvals are granted for the proposed dam.