

Question on Notice

No. 860

Asked on 6 June 2007

MR DICKSON asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (MS BLIGH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Borumba Dam –

1. Will she confirm that the raising of the wall of the dam would deliver significant additional water, potentially more than a third of the amount of water achieved by the first stage of the Traveston Crossing Dam project?
2. Will she also confirm that the cost of undertaking this project is in the order of \$250M, significantly less than the Traveston Crossing Dam and other infrastructure programs?
3. In light of (1) and (2) above, will she advise why raising the dam wall is still not scheduled until 2025?

ANSWER:

1. Analyses indicate that a raised Borumba Dam of sensible proportions of up to 450,000 megalitres would deliver less than 20% of the yield of the Stage 1 Traveston Crossing Dam project if constructed by itself. To achieve significant supplies, Borumba Dam needs to act in conjunction with storage on the Mary River below the confluence with Yabba Creek.
2. The *Water for South East Queensland: A long term solution* report estimated the cost of the raising of Borumba Dam to increase capacity by only 350,000 megalitres (ie, less than the 450,000 megalitres which would deliver less than 20% of the yield of the Stage 1 Traveston Crossing Dam project) would be in the vicinity of \$250 million.
3. In the *Water for South East Queensland: A long term solution* report it was estimated, based on water demand forecasts, that 2025 would be the year that Borumba Dam raising will be required following the construction of the Stage 1 Traveston Crossing Dam project.