

Question on Notice

No. 947

Asked on 8 June 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to false and misleading statements, made by Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd in this week's *Country Life* newspaper, suggesting that the Cooloola Council and local business support the Traveston Crossing dam –

Does she support the use of taxpayers money to fund mischievous advertising designed to deliberately mislead the community of the angst in the Gympie Electorate towards the proposed dam at Traveston Crossing?

ANSWER:

Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd (QWI) has made no false or misleading statements in the Queensland Country Life (QCL).

If the Member is referring to the feature article in the QCL of 7 June 2007, I can confirm it was an initiative of the Cooloola Regional Development Bureau (CRDB) and that QWI did not pay to have the feature inserted.

On request from QCL, QWI provided information about the business opportunities arising from the Traveston Crossing Dam project and technical data as background information to QCL. The use of the information and publication of the feature is a matter for the CRDB and the QCL.

At the invitation of QCL, QWI placed an advertisement on the feature page as did a number of other local businesses. This same strip advertisement also appeared in other publications including The Gympie Times, Fraser Coast Chronicle and Sunshine Coast Daily.