

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1885**  
**Asked on 27 November 2008**

MR FOLEY asked the Premier (MS BLIGH) -

**QUESTION:**

Now that the Traveston Dam has been relegated to the 'Never Never' will she do the right thing by people struggling for certainty and not only kill it off but bury it once and for all?

**ANSWER:**

The Queensland Government remains strongly committed to the Traveston Crossing Dam Project as it forms an important part of the water solution for South East Queensland.

The Traveston Crossing Dam Project is currently being assessed under the highly rigorous and independent *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth) and the *State Development Public Works Organisation Act 1971*. This assessment includes consideration of Matters of National Environmental Significance identified under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Commonwealth).

As I outlined in Parliament on 25 November 2008, the Coordinator-General has informed the proponent, Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd, that, should he recommend that the project proceed, it is likely that habitat rehabilitation measures in the Mary River catchment would have to be undertaken prior to building the dam wall.

The proponent, Queensland Water Infrastructure Pty Ltd, has notified the Government that this could possibly delay commencement of dam wall construction for a number of years.

The exact requirements of any mitigation measures will be outlined in the Coordinator-General's report, should he recommend that the project can proceed. It is anticipated that a decision by the Coordinator-General will be made early in 2009.

Subject to receiving the necessary approvals, the likely requirement to implement habitat rehabilitation measures will not only benefit the iconic species of the catchment, but also provides a unique opportunity to improve the highly disturbed and degraded Mary River Catchment.

The Traveston Crossing Dam project is subject to a thorough, robust and independent assessment process.