

QUESTION ON NOTICE
No. 1402
Asked on 6 October 2009

MR FOLEY asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Rural and Regional Queensland (MR MULHERIN)–

QUESTION:

Have estimates of environmental water requirements been conducted for the lower Mary River and how will this requirement be met if the Traveston Crossing Dam is approved?

ANSWER:

The Coordinator-General and a number of experts concur the Mary River estuary will not be impacted by the construction of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam. Although the Dam will help reduce the severity of flooding, floods will still occur after the proposed Dam is built.

The proponent for the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam is legally required to ensure the Dam meets environmental flow conditions established by the *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006*, which cites three key nodes set for measuring environmental flows along the Mary River north of the proposed Dam. The nodes are located in the estuary north of Maryborough, at Home Park near Tiaro and at Fisherman's Pocket near Gympie.

The *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006* will be supplemented by a Resource Operations Plan which will set specific operating rules for the proposed Dam to ensure water allocation objectives and environmental flows are maintained. The *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006* and the Resource Operations Plan can be accessed through the internet.

Any further questions in regard to Traveston Crossing Dam should be directed to my colleague the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning and further questions in regard to the *Water Resource (Mary Basin) Plan 2006* and the Resource Operations Plan can be directed to the Honourable Stephen Robertson, Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade.