

19 June 2006

Premier  
Mr Beattie  
PO Box 15185  
City East  
Queensland 4002

Dear Mr Beattie,

The Rathdowney community is outraged at the way you and your Government chose to announce that Rathdowney was to be investigated as an alternative dam site to Wyaralong.

Believe it or not, our Shire Council keep us informed on what is happening with regards to Government Water Strategies, Infrastructure plans etc and how planned projects will affect our community. So it came as an utter shock that you announced, contrary to all your planning documents, that Rathdowney would be suddenly investigated.

The Rathdowney community found out that their livelihoods, heritage and entire community was about to be ruined, when a Channel 7 news reporter rang the Rathdowney shop on Wednesday 26 April 2006. It was then up to the shop owner to phone the Beaudesert Shire Council for clarification, only to discover that Council had no idea of the dam proposal either.

You and your Government's treatment of the people of the Rathdowney community has been shameful and unacceptable. You have not even taken the time to visit our community and come face to face with those affected.

On behalf of the people of the Rathdowney community, it is requested that if Rathdowney is chosen as a dam site, then the Premier and Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Water have the courtesy and decency to inform our community in person of the decision, prior to making a media statement.

Along with your announcement at our community, it is requested that you provide the people of Rathdowney with the facts and figures to show why you have chosen to build a dam at Rathdowney over other dam sites. We request proof that you have investigated all other alternatives, including recycling, pipelines and off-stream storage prior to coming to your decision that building a dam at Rathdowney is the best option.

Will the Premier (or Acting Premier) and Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Water be able to fulfill the above requests?

We require an immediate response in writing to this request.

John Robinson  
Chairperson  
NO DAM FOR RATHDOWNEY ACTION GROUP