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THE LABOR PARTY FLOODS OF JANUARY 2011

The undeniable facts are that the Labor party and in particular Rudd, Beattie, Blyth, Swan, Goss, with the aide of Brown and Garrett, dismantled every water storage or flood mitigation Dam proposal put forward since the 1974 floods even though South East Queensland had a rapidly growing population.

The lack of water storage facilities caused severe hardship through the drought period, with harsh water restrictions for an unnecessary prolonged period of time.

The current Premier Anna Blyth included the Wivenhoe Dam in her water storage figures to justify the on going need for water restrictions, bringing about the filling of Wivenhoe Dam. (A cover-up for the blunder of not building Dams)

Wivenhoe Dam was built as a flood mitigation Dam not a water storage Dam

This mismanagement and subsequent filling of Wivenhoe Dam prevented it from holding back the heavy downfall experienced, thus negating the whole purpose of its construction.

To top this off, opening all five flood gates at the worst possible time when all subsidiary rivers and creeks were already at flood level completely destroyed everything in its path, homes, businesses, infrastructure, facilities and worst of all, many lives were lost, without warning.

These are the facts behind the destruction, death and economic ruin in South East Queensland.

The big question is what will be done about it ?

We cannot stand by and see this swept under the carpet as always by the Labor Government and the TV Media who were too busy promoting Blyth and Gillard.

Nobody seems to care that this disaster was unnecessary. With Intelligent Government it would NEVER have happened

Please stop this on going destruction and ruin of this once great State of Queensland and country of Australia and call for an open **full Judicial Inquiry**

The State Government of Queensland must be called to answer for this disaster.

Concerned residents of South East Queensland

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RE TheSouth East Queensland Floods Jan.2011

Dear Sir

We write to you requesting a full inquiry into the recent devastation of South East Queensland and Brisbane which we believe was caused by the Labor Party and in Particular the Queensland Labour Party and the recent Beatty and Blyth Government.

We Believe the Death Destruction and economic ruin was caused by incompetence,, stupidity, and a lack of foresight which any capable Government or politician should have forseen.

Ever since the Labor party came to power following the 1974 floods they (in conjunction with their undeclared coalition partner The Greens) have blocked construction of the much needed water storage dams for the fast growing population of South East Qld. Namely the Woldene Dam The Traveston Dam and the Mary River Dam

The wivenhoe Dam built by the Bjelke Petersen National Party Government was constructed purely as a FLOOD MITIGATION DAM NOT FOR WATER STORAGE

Due to the recent drought the Blyth government used the Wivenhoe Dam for water storage in an attempt to cover the lack of storage available. This fact is proven by the inclusion of the Wivenhoe Dam with other storage dams in the calculation of total water level available to end users and justify the continued water restrictions

The end result being this flood mitagation dam was far too full to serve its designed purpose

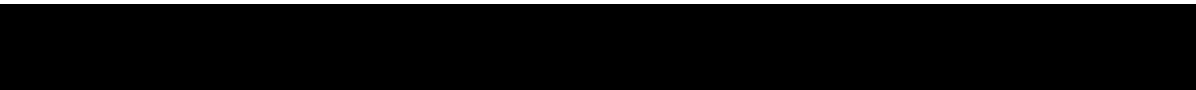
The panicked release of water from the Wivenhoe Dam at the worst possible time (the whole 5 gates opened) this massive wall of water on top of already swollen rivers are what caused the death and destruction downstream,whole buildings swept away with no warning and thedevastation in Brisbane all avoidable with a capable government

OPY

The water shortages suffered by the public and industry would not have been any where near as severe had any of these other dams have been built

What is desperately needed in Queensland is an Upper House to introduce a check or balance on the ruling government to avoid the death, destruction and economic burden that has been placed on the people of Queensland due to total incompetence and stupidity of the Labor Government.

Any Government that legalises LYING in parliament is not worthy of the trust of the Queensland people



Why was Alconex formed?another unnecessary branch to the bungling beaurocracy,or Jobs for the boys

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THE TRUTH BEHIND THE DISASTROUS FLOODS IN SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

Following the 1974 South East Queensland floods which devastated Brisbane and the Gold Coast the Bjelke Petersen Government built the Wivenhoe Dam and the Hinze Dam to safe guard future flooding (and additional storage.)

Following this the Greens and the Labor Party have blocked the building of every dam that has been proposed to meet the increased demand on water requirements.

The main activists have been, Brown, Beattie, Garret, Rudd, etc, who created such an upheaval aided by a pro-Labor media that the Wolfdene Dam, was used as political football against the Bjelke Peterson Government and scrapped. The Mary River Dam and the Wolfdene Dams have since also been scrapped by the Greens and Labor.

If these had all gone ahead we would have not had the water shortages and restrictions through drought, the wasted money on a questionable desalination plant nor the level of devastation and loss of life we have just experienced through flooding.

The Wivenhoe Dam was built as a flood mitigation buffer, but through the stupidity of the Greens and the Labor Party by not catering for the increased water demand the Blyth government insisted that this dam should be used to meet the shortage of water and included it in all figures justifying the continued water restrictions.

The end result being that Wivenhoe was filled way above the level intended to protect against a repeat of the 74 floods defeating the purpose of its design and construction.

The huge release of water at a critical time must also be questioned as a major cause of the damage and destruction caused downstream.

The Woldene Dam

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Greg Hunt: Rudd recipe no good in a crisis

The Labor leader's social democracy ethos would cripple Australia

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The Australian

IN December 1989 the first act of Kevin Rudd, the new chief of staff to Queensland's incoming Labor premier, was to cancel plans for the Woldene dam. This was despite expert advice that such a dam would be needed for southeast Queensland in the early 21st century.

The experts were dead right. With approximately 70 per cent population growth in southeast Queensland in the intervening period, Brisbane is paying the price for one of the worst infrastructure decisions in modern Australian history. Woldene dam would not have changed rainfall patterns but it would have allowed for perhaps 15 years of accumulated water storage, which in turn would have dramatically altered Queensland's capacity to deal with the inevitable ebb and flow of rainfall.

While the Woldene dam is one practical example of how Rudd would govern - opting for short-term trendiness rather than showing long-term courage and planning - more deeply, it is a pointer to the failed philosophy he wants to impose on Australia: social democracy.

The impact is simple: job losses and a continued failure of water infrastructure. In an article published in October, the aspiring leader of Australia called for a debate about ideas and then identified social democracy as his preferred model for Australia.

Social democracy is also, instructively, the same ideology and the same words Paul Keating used as his master plan for remaking Australian society in his own image in the early 1990s. In theory, social democracy is an attempt to impose a layer of governmental control on markets, currencies and all the perceived evils that come from free action and free will. In Australian social terms it has meant a withering contempt for the historic role of free settlers, as evidenced in Keating's embrace of Europe and rejection of our rough-hewn past.

In economic terms, Rudd's social democracy flows from the work of people such as Australian anti-market academic Verity Burgmann and US writer Noam Chomsky, and implies placing significant restrictions on the way in which people who create jobs can construct those jobs. The comparison is with liberal democracy, which unashamedly works towards open markets, personal freedom twinned with personal responsibility, and a preference for investment over government consumption.

In practice, social democracy has failed not only in continental Europe, where the straitjacket of labour market restrictions has led to astounding unemployment rates, but also in Australia when it has been applied.

At the state level, Labor's social democracy has failed us in relation to something as simple as preparing for our water needs.

Yes, we have a drought, but rains have always come and gone in Australia. The job of governments is to prepare for such times.

The problem is therefore not one of rain but one of ideology and maladministration on three fronts.

First, entrenched state Labor governments have diverted money from investing in water infrastructure such as dams or major recycling schemes to recurrent expenditure. This has occurred as the size of public services has blown out in each state.

Second, the inevitable Labor-Green Left alliance has meant that practical projects such as the Wolfdene dam have been blackballed until a government-made crisis is upon us.

Third, even on ideologically desirable projects such as recycling there is endless indecision.

There are three simple tests of Rudd's leadership credentials which flow from the failures of social democracies to deliver water and employment. First, he should apologise to the people of southeast Queensland for his role in cancelling the Wolfdene dam and failing to provide a viable water plan when he had his hands on the levers of the Queensland government.

Second, he should take up the challenge of reminding state premiers that constitutionally they are responsible for failing to plan and prepare the necessary water infrastructure and that if they don't recycle, then they should let the private sector do it. Third, he needs to guarantee working Australia that despite embracing European employment policies, he will avoid a return to German and French unemployment levels.

Ultimately, however, the Keating social democracy that Rudd wants to revisit on Australia is a recipe for more Wolfdene dam decisions in which trendy populism triumphs over long-term courage and planning. If you doubt me, just look at Queensland's water supply today.

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See the following link for an update on the Wolfdene Dam:

http://wivenhoesomersettrainfall.com/new_page_7.htm

Dam drips

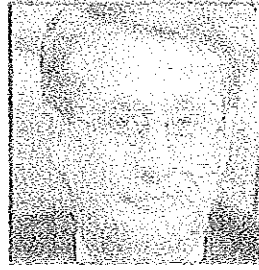
These men got us into this drought mess



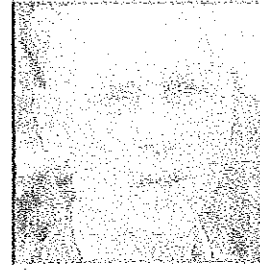
Wayne Goss



Kevin Rudd



Wayne Swan



Peter Beattie

DRAZEN Peter Beattie is stealing \$4 billion of Gold Coast water resources to cover the failings of his Labor predecessors. When former premier Wayne Goss and his then advisers Kevin Rudd and Wayne Swan scrapped the Welffdone Dam in 1989, they consigned southern Queensland to the current water crisis. Even Labor environment spokesman Peter Garrett, then in his Midnight Oil days, lobbied against the dam. Now Gold Coast ratepayers will pay for Labor's folly, losing control of assets including the Hinze Dam which will be redistributed to councils that - unlike us - failed to properly plan for the drought. © Reports, Pages 4 and 5

Wivenhoe release too much, too late

REGARDING the flood which ravaged Brisbane, unfortunately it seems to have been forgotten that following the 1974 flood, the Wivenhoe Dam was constructed specifically so that a catastrophe on this scale would never happen again.

So what went wrong?

Well firstly, I know some people are saying there is no point blaming anyone, let's join together, rebuild, get on with it.

However, we must look at what went wrong otherwise this will happen once again. Quite simply the level of the Wivenhoe Dam was, over the past six months, allowed to get too high, thus not leaving enough room in the dam for flood mitigation.

Perhaps some people are not aware that the huge volume of water which tore boats, pontoons and restaurants from their moorings, and then breached the banks and entered the streets of Brisbane, was coming from the open floodgates of the Wivenhoe.

Yes the Premier and others have told us they had no choice. The alternative was an uncontrolled release. I say the alternative was that continuous smaller controlled releases, months ago, would have kept the dam at a lower level, so it had the capacity to hold the flood waters for which it had been intended in the first place.

We need an inquiry, so in the future the Wivenhoe managed correctly will serve the purpose for which it was built, to avoid this catastrophic loss.

G. Taylor

Surfers Paradise

Left high and dry



Anna Bligh partied in Sydney on New Year's Eve

I READ that our esteemed Premier, Anna Bligh, announced on New Year's Eve "Queenslanders were facing their darkest hour" in regard to the floods. She then promptly left the state for a family new year's party in Sydney.

Isn't this reminiscent of Victorian ex-Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon leaving the bush fire tragedy for a dinner date with friends. Look what they did to her!

In her favour, she did save the state some money by hitchhiking a ride with our Prime Minister.

John Thornton

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