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To whom it may concern

I wish to let it be known that over the past 20 -21 months I have been asking the seqwater management viz [REDACTED] to release water from Nth Pine as it was over the 40m high water line which I have been verbally and in print, was the high water line. Many of my fences were then and still are under water, and in some places the water is on the 3rd wrung of barb wire still.. These fences were placed 30m from the high water line, which I believe was surveyed, certainly I am aware of several fences which were checked with theoderlite by myself, [REDACTED] of seqw, a few years ago prior the fences being rebuilt.

I have repeated this message to [REDACTED] on the many occasions we have spoken on the phone and at any face to face meeting I have had with them . I have not been given any response in writing re this.

Since last Dec 2010 I have asked the seqw to approve my bringing in fill to put on the roads I have on my leases. It was, and still is, so wet I can not access the cattle sufficiently for muster or just to check their general well being. Last winter several cattle broke out where a tree had fallen over the fence, with wet roots, and grazed into an area near the Samsonvale Cemetery . It took several months, a few horse back musters, with up to eight riders from a trail riding club, a track slashed through when I was able, and a lot of walking to get the cattle back as it was so wet and the area was flooded, seqw records of phone calls will attest to this.

I am also aware that since this dam has refilled, no water has been taken for use by Brisbane city council for the Brisbane supply so the dam has remained full. I am also aware that had the level been reduced by as little as 20%, much of Dayboro township and environs, and another lease property in Strong Rd in Dayboro that I have would not have flooded as they did. The water went over the cattle yards top rail there, this has never happened before, even in the '73 and '92 floods and my son's house on Mt Samson Rd would not have had water in it let alone through it.

I am also aware that the Brisbane Police Service contacted its senior personnel in December, before Xmas to notify them that the Bureau of Meteorology had forecast that Brisbane was expected to receive up to one Metre of rain in a 24hr period sometime in January or early February, and they were asked to put strategies in place to handle this. So I ask the question, where were the seqw personnel and why did they not respond?

I would like to come and speak face to face with the commission please. We average 100ml of rain in a few hours, at least once a summer, often several times, so the management of this dam has, does, and will need far superior level of management to that which it currently has. Also the surrounding grasslands need better management so they do not pose such a big problem with smell, taste, colour, blue green algae, nutrient and bird droppings in the water before processing, as happens currently, let alone posing the huge fire risk to the area as at present. The risk of a fire jumping the road and burning down houses is very real

A full dam holds NO WATER!

Thank you
Eleanor Whight