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The Hon. Stephen Robertson MP  
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#### REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE STATEMENT TO COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

I, Justice Catherine E Holmes, Commissioner of Inquiry, pursuant to section 5(1)(d) of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950* (Qld), require the Hon. Stephen Robertson MP to provide a written statement, under oath or affirmation, to the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry, in which the said the Hon. Stephen Robertson MP gives an account of:

1. his understanding, in the period between 7 January 2011 to 12 January 2011, of which flood operations strategies, referred to in the 'Manual of Operational Procedures for Flood Mitigation at Wivenhoe Dam and Somerset Dam', were used in the operation of Wivenhoe Dam between 7 January 2011 and 12 January 2011 and the times at which each strategy was in use
2. how, if at all, that understanding changed since 12 January 2011 and the reason for the change in understanding
3. his understanding of any differences between the account of the choice and timing of the dam operations strategies employed to manage the flood event in the SEQ Water Grid Manager and Seqwater Ministerial Briefing Note to the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade that appears as attachment SR-12 to Exhibit 11 before the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry ('January Report') and the Seqwater report titled 'January 2011 Flood Event – Report on the operation of Somerset Dam and Wivenhoe Dam' and dated 2 March 2011 that appears as Exhibit 24 before the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry ('March Report')
4. when he first became aware of the differences, if any, referred to in paragraph 3 above
5. all discussions, correspondence, meetings or briefings he participated in, in relation to the January Report and the March Report, and in respect of these identifying any that related to the differences between the reports referred to in paragraph 3 above

6. any decision made, or action taken, by him in relation to the differences, if any, referred to paragraph 3 above.

In addressing these matters, the Hon. Stephen Robertson MP is to:

- provide all information in his possession and identify the source or sources of that information;
- make commentary and provide opinions he is qualified to give as to the appropriateness of particular actions or decisions and the basis of that commentary or opinion.

All documents relating to the matters set out in the Statement should be included as attachments to the statement.

The statement is to be provided to the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry by 4pm Wednesday, 1 February 2012.

The statement can be provided by post, email or by arranging delivery to the Commission by emailing [info@floodcommission.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@floodcommission.qld.gov.au).



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Commissioner  
Justice C E Holmes