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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:

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

in respect of the following topics:

1. his knowledge in relation to seasonal forecasts received from the Bureau of Meteorology from 1 September 2010 to 31 March 2011 and any action taken by you in response;
2. his role in relation to the Full Supply Level of Wivenhoe and Somerset Dams ('the Dams');
3. his role in relation to dam operations at Wivenhoe, Somerset and North Pine Dams;
4. when, how and why the Full Supply Level which existed for the Dams at the time of the January 2011 Flood Event was determined;
5. an account of all discussions, correspondence, meetings or briefings you participated in from 1 September 2010 to 30 March 2011 regarding possible alteration of the Full Supply Level of the Dams;
6. provision of all notes made of all discussions or meetings regarding changes to the level of the Dams between 1 September 2010 and 30 March 2011;
7. any decision made by you regarding the level of the Dams;
8. provision of any written record regarding any decision made by you regarding the level of the Dams;

9. how (in terms of regulatory or legislative changes, directives to operators etc), and why the amount of water in the Dams decreased in February 2011;
10. details, including verbatim accounts where possible, of all discussions, correspondence, meetings or briefings regarding decreasing the Dams' levels in January and February 2011;
11. details, including verbatim accounts where possible, of all discussions, correspondence, meetings or briefings regarding releasing water from the Dams to decrease their level in December 2010 or January 2011 (but without altering the Full Supply Level);
12. an account of all briefings within his knowledge, verbatim where possible, prepared by the Department of Environment and Resource Management for you or any other Minister or disaster management authority or personnel;
13. an account of all briefings you received, verbatim where possible, from any State Government Department between 1 to 19 January 2011 regarding flooding or dam operations;
14. an account of all communications you had, verbatim where possible, or any briefings received from the Flood Operations Centre between 1 and 19 January 2011;
15. an account of any communications, verbatim where possible, his Ministerial staff had with the Flood Operations Centre between 1 and 19 January 2011.

The Hon. Stephen Robertson MP may also address other topics relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Commission in the statement, if he wishes.

The statement is to be provided to the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry by 12 noon, 1 April 2011.

The statement can be provided by post, email or by arranging delivery to the Commission by emailing info@floodcommission.qld.gov.au.



Commissioner
Justice C E Holmes