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**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 February 2012 5:05 PM  
**To:** Info Flood Commission  
**Subject:** RE: Closing submissions

To Counsel assisting the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry

There are a couple of issues that I would like to raise with respect to the closing submission provided.

Paragraph 431.

The assertion made regarding some qualification applying to my opinion as to compliance is not correct. I did not qualify my opinion as to compliance as it is my view that the release of water was in compliance with the manual. The information contained in either or both the situation reports or flood event log is only relevant for consistency of reporting. In my view, it a non-sequitur that inconsistent documentation relates to non compliance with respect to the release of water from the dams.

Paragraph 432.

In my view the first sentence should read that the "...releases from the dam were appropriate and in compliance with the manual." The expert reviewers were asked to determine whether "the release of water from Wivenhoe Dam and Somerset Dam during the January 2011 flood was in accordance with the Manual...". We were not asked to determine whether the documentation or even whether the flood operators' mindset was in compliance.

Paragraph 434.

The expert reviewers were not asked to review the report nor provide comment on the adequacy of the report. We were engaged to review the operations of the dams and in particular the release of water to ensure it complied with the manual. The actual release of water is clearly documented in Section 9 of the report and had not changed between report versions.

Paragraph 437.

The inference that I expressed publically that the flood engineers had done "a great job" is not correct. The email referred to was only made public last week and was never meant to be made public. The transcript of The Australian article in which I was quoted is given in the attached link. In no way does it state in this article that I had stated that they had done a great job.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/water-releases-before-deluge-too-low-dam-expert/story-fn59niix-1225989066171>

kind regards

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Dear Mr Roads

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Regards

Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry

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