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Inaugural Community Information Day for Traveston Crossing Dam EIS

Queensland Water Infrastructure (QWI) is to hold the first community information day associated with the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Community members are invited to attend the information day at 1825 Mary Valley Road, Amamoor, from 11am to 3pm on Saturday 16 December 2006.

The information day will follow the release by the Coordinator-General's office of the draft Terms of Reference for the EIS on 9 December 2006. This can be viewed at www.coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au/eis from 9 December 2006.

The scope of the technical studies required for the EIS will be dictated by the final Terms of Reference as issued by the Coordinator-General, following feedback from the community as well as State and Federal Government agencies. The community will have until 19 February 2007 to provide formal feedback on the draft Terms of Reference to the Coordinator-General. The final Terms of Reference will then be issued to QWI for completion of the EIS.

The inaugural community information day will be the first of several to be conducted over the next few months during the Terms of Reference and EIS process.

The format of the community information days will include a range of project posters on display, attended by project team members.

Members of the community will have the opportunity to speak with project team members to ask questions or seek clarification on posted information.

The first information day will be held specifically to explain the community engagement process and to encourage the community to participate in the review of the draft Terms of Reference for the EIS.

A second information day is proposed in early 2007 during the active EIS phase, while EIS information is being collected.

A third information day will be held when the draft EIS is advertised for public comment.

The information provided at each of these days will reflect the stages of the engagement process.

Relevant members from QWI and the EIS project team will attend the information days to speak with community members.

Detailed studies under the EIS have not yet commenced, however professional contractors have been on-site conducting field assessments for the past few weeks.

Both the State and Federal governments will review the EIS after QWI self-nominated the project as a "controlled action" under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999*.

This legislation triggers a statutory review process by the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage.

QWI was appointed by the Queensland State Government in June to progress the feasibility, potential design and construction of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam.

The Queensland State Government has declared the proposed dam a 'significant' project for which an EIS is required in accordance with the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

What: Traveston Crossing Dam EIS Community Information Day

Where: 1825 Mary Valley Road, Amamoor

When: Saturday 16 December, 11am – 3pm

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