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To: Kwabena Osei
Subject: Re: Review of Seqwater Bulk Water Prices 2015 - 2018

Submission;

As Seqwater manages more than \$10 billion of water supply assets, it is imperative to have competent and trustworthy people managing this vital resource for South East Queensland.

Having any Government that rushes major project decisions in times of crisis, then expects consumers to pay more, or, plan to sell / lease the operation, is a contentious issue.

Many years ago, I forwarded to the Qld Government, an idealistic proposition that billions could be saved in channeling / pumping flooding rainwater to prone 'drought' areas in the State. I see Governments continually allocating money for drought and flood relief, with 'Climate Change' predictions, this will be a growing financial cost for farmers, transport companies emergency services, insurance prices, let alone any Legal, 'blame game'.

My submission, a decade or more ago, was read, then buck-passed to relevant Ministers at that time. I suggested, when Santos Pty Ltd proposed to build their massive Gas pipeline, that a water pipeline be also laid nearby, effectively reducing the infrastructure cost to pump rainwater to remote 'producing' areas in Queensland, ensuring an adequate supply. A series of gas powered pumps would quickly redirect megalitres of flood water, using valves, away from or to different areas, storage dams or unaffected rivers. Years on, devastating floods and droughts have occurred, roads and rail links washed away along with property crops, stock, were lost as, a direct result.

Common sense planning is vital to alleviate the repetition of either weather conditions. Seqwater could generate income from supplying clean flood water to remote areas while the Government saves on rebuilding and giving financial aid. With any future privately funded projects, opportunistic State infrastructure planners could go into partnership agreements, discussing options to minimize costs of duplicating labour, portable housing, equipment etc, that would deliver essential water etc to needed areas.

Accountability and truth is paramount to build trust, at all levels of Government, not just to be seen blaming each other to win votes. I hope the future of this Industry is run by those with integrity and vision to benefit Queensland future needs, kind regards

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