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Mr Darren Page
Queensland Competition Authority
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Dear Mr Page,

QCA Dam Safety Submission

Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to the Queensland Competition Authorities (QCA) Rural irrigation price review 2020-24: apportionment of dam safety upgrade costs.

TRC has been involved in the preparation of the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) submission and supports that submission.

In the currently identified affected list of impacted dams that are owned or controlled by a Local Council and where that impact has been quantified in current forecasts, TRC is the most impacted local council within Queensland. Whilst TRC does not supply irrigators as a customer class (our principal purpose is urban potable supply), irrigators do benefit from the downstream reduction in flooding due to the presence of an upstream dam wall.

TRC supports LGAQ's position that the State Government should make a significant contribution to funding dam wall upgrades associated with compliance with the Australian National Committee on Large Dams (ANCOLD) guidelines. TRC would be pleased to supply any further information or context that the QCA might like in order to understand the impacts of ANCOLD, dam operation including providing a guided site visit to the most impacted dam being Cressbrook Dam north of Toowoomba.

If you require further information, please contact Damian Platts General Manager Water and Waste on 07 4688 6702 or Phil McEwan Manager Water Infrastructure Services on 07 4688 6695.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Mr Arron Hieatt, Lead Water and Sewerage Infrastructure Advocacy, LGAQ