

AN OPEN LETTER IN SUPPORT OF PARADISE DAM

Proposed 'essential works' to lower Paradise Dam are threatening Bundaberg region's water security and future prosperity.

If there is no water, there is no crop and no income and that affects every business in the region.

Global experts say claimed safety risks have been exaggerated and they are '99% convinced' the dam wall is stable. So, why are they being ignored?

RCC dam specialist Dr Paul Rizzo says assumed issues can be fixed at reasonable cost, as has been done at dams around the world, without lowering the dam wall.

If Paradise Dam is not restored to full capacity as a matter of priority, the region's economy and employment growth will stall with significant social consequences.

Growers want a signal from the Queensland Government that local horticulture is a priority as the engine of so much regional growth and prosperity.

Growcom Board Director, Joe Moro, says the threat to reduce Paradise Dam is a worrying precedent.

Of particular concern are the new and planned tree crop plantings downstream from Paradise Dam, plus the \$4.2 billion in projects in the pipeline that will create 3200 local jobs, based on the water security provided by Paradise Dam.

Paradise Dam is intrinsic to the economic future of Bundaberg and Queensland. No ifs, buts or excuses – the dam must be restored to full capacity without lowering the wall!

"It's not a huge leap for growers in other parts of the state to imagine with a sense of dread what would happen to their own businesses should something similar happen with their local water storage."

Board Director, Joe Moro

"Irrigated agriculture has a significant value-chain both upstream and downstream including nurseries, sugar mills, transport operators; packaging providers, ports, planting and harvesting contractors, fuel distributors, fertiliser and chemical retailers, farm machinery retailers, irrigation equipment suppliers, and accountants and insurance brokers".

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