

# Supplementary EIS document released by Queensland Parliament following action by Local Member.

The Premier's appalling attitude towards the rights of Queensland citizens to information was clearly stated in State Parliament on last Thursday. She informed the parliament that 'all relevant stakeholders' had been supplied with a copy of the supplementary EIS and the opportunity to comment on the document.

In fact, access to the document had been specifically denied to stakeholders and surrounded with such a veil of secrecy that public servants with access to the document were too scared to even discuss the document openly with members of the public.

Most people would think that any person or organization that had invested effort into the assessment process by preparing detailed comments for the government on the proposal as part of the formal consultation process would be regarded as 'stakeholders' in the document.

Most people would think that the people of the Mary Valley who have lost their houses, their land and their communities to the project would be regarded as 'stakeholders'.

Most people would think that the Natural Resource Management, and Conservation Councils and Integrated Catchment Management organizations formally established by the Federal and State Governments to represent land and water management and conservation issues in the Mary Catchment would be regarded as 'stakeholders'.

Apparently not.

Following the tabling of a leaked copy of the document in State Parliament, it is now possible for Queensland citizens to download copy of the document, or request a copy on CD.

The document is can be accessed at

<http://travestonswamp.info/forum/viewtopic.php?p=14044#14044>

## *Why is it nicknamed the 'thin blue line' remix?*

It is mainly a remix of the words in the original EIS – there is no substantive body of new work.

One of the classic examples of blatant misuse of statistical analyses in the document is using thin blue lines on a graphs with blue backgrounds to represent data series that the proponent would prefer to hide, while the other data series are represented with red and green lines against the blue background.

This is a childish, defensive document, rather than a serious scientific examination of the issues raised by genuine stakeholders.