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**From:** Roderick Campbell <rod@tai.org.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 23 March 2018 11:09 AM  
**To:** Maryanne Slattery  
**Subject:** Fw: Information request [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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**From:** Roderick Campbell  
**Sent:** 23 March 2018 11:39  
**To:** Colreavy, Mary  
**Subject:** Re: Information request [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
Dear Mary,

Thanks for your email - my turn to apologise for a slow reply.

We have some more questions in relation to the Commonwealth's purchase of water from Kia Ora and Clyde. The recent Order for Production of documents (no. 579) moved by Senator Rex Patrick included a document from GI Irrigation, which suggested the removal of sections of levee banks at Kia Ora. We have examined images from Google Earth Pro at the locations identified by GI Irrigation, which appear to be unchanged from well before DAWR purchased the water until now. Can you please advise when the decommissioning of the works occurred?

You have explained that there is a report which includes an engineer's certification that the banks at Kia Ora were decommissioned. Could you provide us with a copy of that report and could you please explain why that report was not included in the recent Order for Production of documents (no. 579) moved by Senator Rex Patrick?

Our understanding of the overland flow licences are that water is either retained on the property, or it flows to a lower part of the floodplain or into a river.

If the floodplain structures are unchanged, then the water is retained on the property. Has DAWR negotiated with Eastern Australia Agriculture about the removal of any structures at the Clyde property? If not, how does DAWR anticipate how the water associated with the over land flow licences purchased from the Clyde property can be delivered for environmental outcomes?

Our understanding of the Kia Ora property is the area where the banks were supposed to be decommissioned are at the northern end of the property and that any water that is not captured within the decommissioned banks are either likely to be captured on the southern part of Kia Ora, or to be captured at Cubbie Station. How does DAWR anticipate how the water purchased from the Kia Ora property can be delivered for environmental outcomes?

Thank you very much for your help with this,

Rod Campbell

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**From:** Colreavy, Mary  
**Sent:** 07 March 2018 13:54  
**To:** Roderick Campbell  
**Subject:** RE: Information request [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Rod

Once again, I am very sorry about my delayed reply to your email last week.

Please find my response to your three questions:

1. Has the decommissioning of the works on the Kia Ora property been undertaken?

- a. Yes. Decommissioning works were required to be completed prior to the transfer of water to the Commonwealth and were validated by a registered engineer who provided a report to the Queensland Government and to the department.

2. Was the decommissioning of the works on the Kia Ora property included in the contract of sale?
- a. The department's contract of sale requires 'any decommissioning works to infrastructure or any other works on the Seller's land as is required by the Water Authority as a condition of Approval to Transfer a Water Licence.' In the case of the Kia Ora contract of sale, the Queensland government required decommissioning works and their certification from a registered engineer, under their process for the transfer of ownership. As outlined in 1 above, these conditions were met by the seller prior to the transfer of water to the Commonwealth.
3. Has there been any projects funded under Healthy Headwaters for either Kia Ora or Clyde?
- a. Two projects were completed on the Kia Ora property under the Healthy HeadWaters Water Use Efficiency Project. These projects did not have any connection to the infrastructure which was decommissioned in relation to the water purchase. There were no Healthy HeadWaters Water Use Efficiency Projects on the Clyde property.

Regards

Mary Colreavy

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**From:** Roderick Campbell [mailto:rod@tai.org.au]

**Sent:** Monday, 5 March 2018 3:39 PM

**To:** Colreavy, Mary

**Subject:** RE: Information request [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Ms Colreavy,

Did you receive my email of last Tuesday?

Regards,

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**From:** Roderick Campbell

**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 February 2018 2:29 PM

**To:** 'mary.colreavy@agriculture.gov.au'

**Subject:** Information request

Dear Ms Colreavy,

The Australia Institute is a Canberra-based think tank with research interests across a range of economic, environmental and social issues, including the management of the Murray Darling Basin.

Could you please help me with some questions on the purchase of water from Kia Ora and Clyde that DAWR made last year:

- has the decommissioning of the works on the Kia Ora property been undertaken?
- was the decommissioning of the works on the Kia Ora property included in the contract of sale?
- has there been any projects funded under Healthy Headwaters for either Kia Ora or Clyde?

Regards,

Rod Campbell

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