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No escape clause in Commission of Inquiry report

There should be an immediate halt of works to tear down the Paradise Dam wall.

The Commission of Inquiry Report into Paradise Dam agrees with expert opinion that more testing is needed to resolve doubts about the dam's stability and doesn't provide the Government an escape clause from its obligation to restore the dam to Full Service Level.

The call for further testing is consistent with the views of Dr Paul Rizzo and confirms the position taken by the Bundaberg Fruit and Vegetable Growers.

The Commission's Report says the only uncertainty about the dam's stability is in a flood event much larger than in 2011 and 2013 when it proved stable.

Critically the report raises doubt about the necessity to reduce the Paradise Dam wall to carry out works on the apron and spillway while the water level is lowered to 42%.

The Government shouldn't waste \$100 million tearing down the wall when more testing is urgently needed.

Paradise Dam must be returned to Full Supply Level to guarantee the economic future of the thriving Bundaberg region.

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