

Survey of the Mary River

In question one, I had guessed that since the question was 'Do you think that the Mary River should be dammed?', that I would get one hundred percent of the thirty people that I surveyed saying 'No'. Later on, when I asked all of the thirty people, I came to the conclusion that my guess had been correct, because all thirty of the people said 'No'.

Now for my second question, I put across a question that I don't think is very fair to the residents of the Wide Bay. I asked that if the Mary River does get dammed, should Brisbane get all or most of the water. However, if you really do think about it, is it fair that hundreds of Wide Bay citizens should have to give up their homes, workplaces and environments so that a dam could be built and most of the water from this dam goes to Brisbane?

Well, I had expected that at least twenty-eight out of the thirty would say 'No', but after I had put my question across, I realised that I had nearly been right. There had been only twenty-six people saying 'No' and the remaining four saying 'Yes'. Not too bad of a guess if you ask me.

Now one of the most obvious of my five questions was this third question. The question that I put across was this, 'Do you think that if the dam does go ahead that it will affect Gympie? And, of course, just as me and anybody else who had read the question before hand had guessed, all thirty of the people said 'Yes'.

Question four was all about people's personal emotions and what their emotions would be if they were in a certain situation that I posed to them. The scenario that I set for them was the following: If you were one of the many hundreds of people whose houses are going to be demolished, farms unfairly bought off them and you have to go and build a new house somewhere else, away from where you used to be, how would you feel?

Well, for that question, there were a couple of different answers and some very interesting ones too. One person said that they would be happy to give up their house because it would help the water problem. Four people said that they would be annoyed because they would have to give nearly everything up. Four other people said that they would be angry because of the same reason as above. And the

remainder of the people (twenty-one) said that they would have a mixture of emotions which is quite reasonable.

Now, question five didn't really affect people who don't travel much. So, my question was,

'Do you think that because the dam will go over the highway, that since you will have to go around the dam, that it would take longer to travel to a certain destination?' Say, maybe, just for example, Hervey Bay to Brisbane.

Now, in my opinion, obviously it would most definitely affect the travel time because, instead of travelling in a straight line, you would now have to do a nice big semi-circle to get around the dam (or whatever shape that the dam is going to be), would most certainly affect the travel time.

Now, surprisingly, only twenty-two of the people out of the thirty said that 'Yes it will affect the travel time!' Now this really shocked me! So, if you have ever been to a math class, you will know how many people said that 'No it will not affect the travel time'. Now then, if you have not ever been to a math class, I will tell you how many people said 'No'. It was a total of eight.

So that is the end of my survey results.

Thank you for reading them.

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