1. Engineering investigations of Paradise Dam have identified a number of structural and stability issues that, in the event of a 1-in-200 year flood, may cause the dam to fail.
2. The Government has responded by reducing the volume of water in the dam and preparing to undertake works to lower the dam spillway in 2020.
3. A Commission of Inquiry will be established into the design, construction and commissioning of Paradise Dam.
4. The focus of the Commission of Inquiry is to provide independent advice on:
5. the root cause of structural and stability issues identified in engineering and technical studies conducted on the Paradise Dam between 30 January 2013 and 30 November 2019
6. where the root cause is attributable, or attributable in part, to the design, construction and/or commissioning stages of the Paradise Dam, the facts and circumstances that contributed to the structural and stability issues, having regard to:
	* 1. the governance arrangements in place including expert third party review and response to any issues raised
		2. the scope and effectiveness of processes and systems to ensure quality in design, construction and/or commissioning, adopted by individuals, entities and government bodies involved in the design, construction or commissioning of Paradise Dam; and individuals, entities and government bodies involved in giving the necessary approvals required for the Dam
		3. the reporting arrangements and obligations in place during design, construction and commissioning
		4. remedial measures taken during design, construction and commissioning
		5. any other matter.
7. The Commission of Inquiry would operate from December 2019 and report to the Premier and Minister for Trade and the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.
8. Cabinet approved the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry into the design, construction and commissioning of Paradise Dam.
9. Cabinet approved the Commission of Inquiry’s Terms of Reference.
10. Cabinet approved the release of the Commission of Inquiry’s Terms of Reference.
11. *Attachments*
* [Terms of Reference for Commission of Inquiry into the design, construction and commissioning of Paradise Dam](Attachments/ToR.PDF)