The Chairman,
Theilmere Lakes Enquiry,
P.O. Box 99,
Pietermaritzburg,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter I sent to the Minister for the Environment on 17/11/11.

I did not receive a reply to this letter, but hopefully consideration will be given by the Enquiry to Dr. Poll's 12 month's study of the situation.

I would appreciate being notified of the March enquiry date as it was not published in the article in the "District Reporter" which I received on Friday.

Copy To: Local member Jai Howell
Mayor Colin Mitchell
Ms Robyn Parker,
Minister for the Environment,
Parliament House,
Macquarie St., Sydney.

Dear Ms Parker,

I have just been to the Pittcon Library where I read Dr. Poll's report on the water levels of Thirlmere Lakes.

I do not know Dr. Poll, but I suggest that he be invited to join your committee of inquiry into Thirlmere Lakes.

His report seems to me to be a thorough scientific investigation of the causes of varying water levels of the lakes, including the effect of longwall mining on the geological strata and groundwater.

The investigation concluded that, although the five year drought had played a significant role, longwall mining had caused seepage which had impacted on the water level of the lakes.

I notice that it is too late now to do anything about the damage done, but hopefully some lessons learnt will prevent future similar occurrences, and further damage to Thirlmere Lakes.

Personal good wishes to you in your difficult job.