

**Letter to
the Editor
Residents
oppose
expropriation of
property for
reservoir**

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I am very concerned when public bodies are given the right to take the property, or expropriate, of private individuals for so called Economic Development.

As we (Citizens Against Reservoir Expropriation) approach the time when the reservoir commission selects a reservoir site and if you also care, please help us to change Act 71.

This is a law introduced and passed by the elected officials, Jerry Thomas, Ben Nevers and Mike Strain.

This law gives the reservoir committee the power to take property for the creation of any reservoir in Washington Parish; also property can be taken for rights-of-way and pipelines to sell the water.

The committee can also levy taxes, incur debts and issue bonds in accordance with the law.

You might think that this does not affect you, but what about your friends, neighbors and family? What about flood insurance?

Dams do break, and homes are flooded.

This committee is appointed for ten years.

Even the President can serve only four years with out re-election.

If residents CARE, when someone knocks on their door and asks them to sign a petition to amend Act 71, please do so while you have the time and opportunity.

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