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Dam the Mary River? Save the Mary River!

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Brisbane rally message: Solve water crisis without dams

IF DAMS are the answer to the water crisis in South-East Queensland, why is Brisbane City on water restrictions?

That is the question thousands will be asking Premier Peter Beattie when they rally at the ALP conference at South Bank on June 10.

Protestors from north and south of Brisbane as well as the city itself will arrive by the bus load at 9.30am at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The crowd will include Mary Valley and Gympie residents fighting to save the Mary River from the flawed dam proposal at Traveston Crossing, the Rathdowney anti-dam campaigners and members of the Greens party.

The Mary Valley group will don Akubras to highlight their "country" origins and their placards will offer positive alternatives to building dams including:

- Invest in water tanks – a tank can save your garden and wash your car;
- Install water saving appliances;
- Change your plumbing to reuse grey water for non-drinking purposes;
- Retreat wastewater;
- Replace leaking pipes;
- Use water wisely - responsible consumption of water;
- Harvest run-off from roofs and hard standing areas; and
- Keep informed of other smart ideas.

It is the latest public protest in the Mary Valley campaign which has already united the shire councils which will be heavily affected by the proposed dam – Cooloola, Tiaro, Woocoo, Hervey Bay and Noosa.

The campaign has also pushed some ALP members to question their Premier's plans for the two dams, with Gympie and Mt Coolum Labor party branches publicly opposing the Mary River dam.

Environmental and farm industry groups including the Queensland Conservation Council and the Sunshine Coast Environment Council as well as the National Farmers Federation have all urged the Government to reconsider its plans.

You can follow the campaign on the website www.savethemaryriver.com

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