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# Dam the Mary River? Save the Mary River!

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## People to rally "for the love of Mary"

DESPITE their best efforts, dam fighters from the Mary Valley have had to cancel plans for a rally in Brisbane at the weekend.

Instead, they have voted to come out in numbers at a rally at the Noosa River Stage, Noosaville, on Saturday.

Titled "For the Love of Mary", which is also the name of the new music CD to be launched by the Save the Mary River Coordinating Group, the rally is an opportunity to muster strength of purpose and build anticipation for the September 9 polls.

Opponents of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam are urged to come along to the event which starts at 11am, and will wind up about 2pm.

The rally will include lots of music, with performances from the artists featured on the new CD, as well as Jacki Marshall, of Brisbane, and the Barleyshakes.

It would be a chance to reinforce the ranks of the frontline, Save the Mary group executive member Kevin Ingersole said.

He said although people had already been asked to attend the Brisbane rally, it became too hard to organise, with problems at every turn.

"We were going to muster at the Queens Gardens, but were refused access by the State Government because it was considered a political event.

"For the same reasons we were refused the use of the botanical gardens by the Brisbane City Council, and South Bank was unavailable because of the annual river festival.

"There was no suitable venue available to us."

With Noosa independent candidate Cate Molloy as a guest speaker at the Noosaville rally, Mr Ingersole said the Save the Mary group was sure to capitalise on the exposure.

"Whether we are in Brisbane or on the coast, Premier Peter Beattie will get the message that voters have had enough of 'eight years of neglect'," Mr Ingersole said.

He is hoping that all “groups with grudges” against the Beattie Government – people in the health and roads industries as well as water infrastructure – will join forces to protest eight years of neglect with their vote on polling day.

Mr Ingersole said water, health and road infrastructure were major failures of the Government in its mindset of uncontrolled growth, which will add an expected 1 million new residents to South-East Queensland during the next 20 years.

Inquiries for rally details to 5488 4800 or 5447 9288, or follow the campaign on the website [www.savethemaryriver.com](http://www.savethemaryriver.com)

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