



Dam the Mary River? Save the Mary River!

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MEDIA RELEASE Thursday May 1, 2008 **Kayaker nears Sunshine Coast.**

For the past three weeks, Steve Posselt has been paddling his "Don't Murray the Mary" message through south-east Queensland. With the Mary River and Great Sandy Straits sections behind him, he has now embarked on the ocean section, southwards past the Sunshine Coast and back through Pumicestone Passage to Moreton Bay for a May 10 arrival back in Brisbane (a day earlier than previously anticipated).

For the early part of the ocean leg, his progress was hampered by adverse southerly winds. "It's just like the battle for the Mary," he says. "With the state government determined to build this Traveston Dam, we all feel like we're paddling against the wind, but when I read Federal Water Minister Penny Wong's address to the Water Summit this week, I sensed a change coming through."

"It'd be an absolute tragedy if this dam went ahead, not just for the Mary but for Brisbane as well, it's not the secure, reliable, sustainable water source it's made out to be."
"Penny Wong is onto this but the state government doesn't appear to be listening."

Steve will meet another outspoken critic of the dam, Sunshine Coast Mayor Bob Abbott on Noosa Beach on Saturday.

Steve's Itinerary **Saturday May 3**

Arrive Noosa beach 2pm meet Mayor Bob Abbott available for media interviews

Sunday May 4

Arrive Mooloolaba 2pm available for media interviews

Tuesday May 6

7.15am Interview with ABC Coast FM, Maroochydore
10.30 Interview with Southern Cross TV, Maroochydore

Brisbane arrival details

Steve will paddle up the Brisbane River past Southbank at 11.30am Saturday 10th May arriving at the West End boat ramp at noon. A good vantage point for viewing Steve and the crowd will be Victoria Bridge.

The West End boat ramp is where the trip started at noon on 12th April. It is in Riverside Drive between Jane and Boundary Streets, West End.