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the lungfish
says, "Save the
Mary River!"

Dam the Mary River? Save the Mary River!

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Dam fighters back Beattie for a change

PREMIER Peter Beattie's encouragement of a "yes" vote for recycled water for Toowoomba has been given the thumbs up by the Save the Mary River Coordinating Group.

His announcement, and the prospect of his plan for recycling in Brisbane, is a step in the right direction, group executive member Kevin Ingersole said today.

"We strongly support his position," Mr Ingersole said as plans were finalised for a busload of dam fighters to help staff polling booths in Toowoomba for the Saturday referendum on recycled water.

"In trying to understand how South-East Queensland's future water needs can be met without the need for a mega-dam at Traveston Crossing, our early work suggests that recycling is a cost-effective way to deliver substantial volumes of water right where it is needed.

"While we believe that the Premier's proposal for Traveston Crossing is socially, economically and environmentally irresponsible, we believe his thinking now on recycling is right on the money."

Mr Beattie told Brisbane radio announcer Madonna King this week that the Government had extended its water grid plans and indicated it was prepared to consider recycling water, even if the referendum was lost in Toowoomba tomorrow.

Both the Australian Democrats and Queensland Conservation (QCC) have welcomed Premier Beattie's statement that recycled water is a necessary water supply option for Brisbane and South-East Queensland residents.

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