



Wheezer
the lungfish
says, "Save the
Mary River!"

Dam the Mary River? Save the Mary

Save Mary River Take Action

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The decision by the Queensland Government to dam the beautiful Mary River in South East Queensland threatens the home of many endangered and vulnerable species, would destroy prime agricultural land and impact on tens of thousands of people.

We are hoping that a Federal Parliamentary Inquiry will help Save the Mary because it will increase the public scrutiny of the Queensland Government's decision to build the Traveston dam in South East Queensland.

You can help the campaign by writing to as many federal pollies of all political parties in the next few weeks and ask them to show their support for saving the Mary River by supporting an Independent Statutory Inquiry into the Traveston Dam.

Points to include in your letter:

- Ask specifically "Would they vote yes to a Parliamentary Inquiry to find out the truth about what is happening to our Community and the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam".
- The Traveston Dam proposal is a matter of national importance because it involves Federal Government laws (EPBC Act) Federal Government Policy (National Water Initiative) and a river of national and international significance for its vulnerable and endangered species.
- The Queensland Government should have referred stage one and stage two of the dam to be assessed under the EPBC Act.
- The Queensland Government is going against the principles of the National Water Initiative by proposing dams as the solution to water supply before considering all the other options.
- Queensland doesn't need another dam because there are more sustainable alternatives such as rainwater tanks and water recycling.
- The dam will threaten species of national and international importance.
 - The Mary River Turtle and the Mary River Cod are listed as 'endangered' under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act. They don't live anywhere in the world besides the Mary River and we are concerned that they will be gone forever if the dam goes ahead.
 - The extraordinary Lungfish listed as 'vulnerable' under the EPBC Act is a species of international significance and it too will be threatened by the dam.

Write to: There are 76 Senators so we need to get 39 to support us to get a Parliamentary Inquiry. Write to ...Prime Minister Howard, Leader of the Opposition Kevin Rudd, Anthony Albanese, Minister Ian Campbell, Malcolm Turnbull, Senator Russell Trood and all other Senators.

You can address it to: Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600.

Sample letter:

(Date)

Dear

RE: INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED TRAVESTON DAM ON THE MARY RIVER

I am writing to ask for your support for an Independent Statutory Inquiry into the Traveston Dam on the Mary River in South East Queensland.

The Traveston Dam proposal is a matter of national importance because it involves Federal Government laws (EPBC Act) Federal Government Policy (National Water Initiative) and a river of national and international significance for its vulnerable and endangered species.

The decision by the Queensland Government to dam the Mary River in South East Queensland threatens the home of many endangered and vulnerable species, as well as rural communities. In fact, the dam proposal is already increasing the pressures on rural families who may have to sell their land against their wishes if the dam goes ahead.

There is a need for Federal parliament to scrutinise the dam proposal to ensure that the decision to build the dam is in the best interests of the community as a whole and has been properly evaluated against other alternatives.

The Federal parliament should investigate the extent to which the dam proposal is consistent with the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act because the dam will threaten species of national and international importance. In particular, the Mary River Turtle and the Mary River Cod are listed as 'endangered' under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act. They don't live anywhere in the world besides the Mary River and we are concerned that they will be gone forever if the dam goes ahead. The extraordinary Lungfish listed as 'vulnerable' under the EPBC Act is a species of international significance and it too will be threatened by the dam. I understand that the Queensland Government only referred stage one of the proposal to the Federal Environment Minister when it seems it should have referred both stage one and stage two for assessment.

The Federal parliament should also investigate why the Queensland Government is going against the principles of the National Water Initiative by proposing dams as the solution to water supply before considering the other options available.

Would you vote yes to a Parliamentary Inquiry to find out the truth about what is happening to our Community and the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam?

Yours sincerely

(name and address)