

# The Dam Buster's Newsletter

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“Dala” or Wheezer” the wise Lung Fish says

**SAVE THE MARY RIVER**

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**SAVE THE MARY RIVER CO-ORDINATING GROUP FIGHTING FUND  
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**Our focus must be away from the negative NO Dam to the positive 3 R's. This is what we want and this is what we have to get across to the people of Brisbane, many of whom are very supportive of us in our plight.**

**RAINWATER TANKS  
RECYCLE  
REDUCED USAGE**

Attacking those we most want on our side, is not the way to go. We need to inform our Southern neighbours and make them realize that its education not inundation that will solve the water crisis in SE Queensland. No dams anywhere for any reason!

Rick Elliot will be away on business for three weeks during which time the Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group will be divided into sub-committees under a Steering Committee of Kevin Ingersole, Alan Sheridan and David Kreutz who will carry on as normal in his absence. We are upping the fight and the community needs to be more involved. Any problems, queries or suggestions should be directed to the Drop-in Centre and a member of the sub-committee will return the call.

As you are all aware. the Premier Peter Beattie met a frustrated crowd of over two thousand people at the Gympie Showground on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Our worst fears were realized when he confirmed that the dam would go ahead, although smaller in size and displacing less people in stage 1. The wall however would be built to the original height and that of stage 2. He was unable to make his full presentation because of the anger in the crowd and decided instead to resort to questions and answers. He was visibly shaken by the ordeal and later confessed that it was the hardest thing he had to do in his political career and that he had no idea of the pain caused and realized he now had to move quickly.

- Subsequently **our Chairman met with Peter Beattie** and others and insisted that we have a Public Guardian. The past Governor Peter Arniston was recommended to lead this task force and was appointed by Premier Beattie. He will be there to look after us, the residents, and make sure that we are treated properly and fairly compensated should the dam go ahead. The Committee will watch closely the work of the taskforce. People will be strongly advised to take independent advice regarding the sale of their property, capital gains, displacement etc.
- On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>, Kevin, Glenda and Tamielle met with the Greens and other environmental groups who are very supportive of us to form “**The Dam Alternative Group**”. Their aim - by Christmas they hope to have the people of Brisbane embracing the alternative to dams.
- At the Committee meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, the Regional Director of the Communities Dept. **Peter Ryan, spoke to us about the One Stop Shop in Kandanga** run by Life Line and totally apolitical. The Co-ordinator of this is Ken Campbell and they are there simply to look after our needs, to provide counselling and help where needed, to supply strategies for unemployment, to reassure and advise the elderly in our community. They are not interested in the politics of the dam and whether it should/should not be built but are there simply to help us in this terrible time of uncertainty. People need answers and they will do their best to comply.
- The DNR have promised a more **accurate map** in 9 weeks having withdrawn the previous map because the buffer zone had been omitted. Nine weeks is too long to wait and this must be expedited.
- On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nick Smith met with the Premier’s office to discuss his own personal situation and also to speak about a fair displacement package.

- On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> **Peter Arniston met with people at Kandanga.** Time is of the essence and issues are critical.
- Steve Watson, a Lawyer from Maroochydore, has **6 lawyers prepared to work** for us and he will co-ordinate this.
- **Community Forums** - It has been decided to have community forums at Kandanga, Imbil and Carters Ridge once a month to share information. These would take the place of a morning/afternoon tea and details will be given as soon as known
- On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Channel 9's "**60 MINUTES**" with Ray Martin was in the valley interviewing people for their show. This aired Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.
- Also on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Rick addressed the **Uniting Church** in Gympie
- It has been agreed that the committee's link with the **Brisbane based No Dam Coalition** will be **Glenda**. It was also agreed to provide speaker(s) for the Toowoomba public meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.
- **Save the Mary River Support Rally** was held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Although the weather was inclement and the numbers were low, the speakers and musicians were excellent and the rally was thoroughly enjoyed by those who did attend.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – **the Dam Busters Rally** (under the guidance of Kevin Ingersole and the Green Team) was held at the Showground in Gympie. Numerous key speakers, Andrew Bartlett, Jeff Seeney, Cate Molloy, Bob Abbott, Peter Wellington, Greg Rogerson, David Gibson, Beryl Spencer, Greig Nissen, Jan Watt and Darryl Stewart all committed to stopping the dam and encouraged us to stay positive and focused on no dam at Traveston Crossing – the way forward. All guaranteed their help in every way possible. The audience was encouraged to help in every way they could without the use of violence or stupid tactics which would only be detrimental to our cause.
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – **Former Russian President Mikhail Gorbachov attended the Earth Dialogue Forum** in Brisbane. Information on our plight was given to him.
- **King of the Mountain** with radio coverage by Macca from ABC radio – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Steve Dennis was nominated to represent the committee at this event.
- **On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July**, members of the Committee went to **Toowoomba** in support of the **Recycling of Water referendum**. Unfortunately the result was "NO".
- **Numerous radio and newspaper interviews** have been carried out with committee members.
- **On page 6 is a list of Politician's names and address. Please write to these people expressing your thoughts and concerns about the proposed dam.**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**from Ian Campbell, Minister for the Environment & Heritage**

### **PROPOSED NEW DAMS BY QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT**

In response to the overwhelming public interest in the Queensland Government's proposed new dams, the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell, has confirmed that detailed proposals have yet to be received by the Australian Government.

The Queensland Premier, Peter Beattie, has announced proposals to construct two new dams in Queensland. He has announced proposals for the Traveston Dam on the Mary River and the Wyaralong Dam on Teviot Brook, a tributary of the Logan River.

Construction of these dams is expected to be completed by 2011.

Neither of the proposed dams have been referred to the Commonwealth for a decision on whether they require approval under federal environment law.

The Australian Government's environment law, the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act), provides for the protection of certain defined matters of national environmental significance (NES). The matters of NES include world and national heritage properties, wetlands of international importance, migratory species, nationally threatened species and ecological communities, nuclear actions, and the Commonwealth area.

The Australian Government's involvement in any development proposals is relevant only to these very specific matters.

Development proposals that are likely to have a significant impact on these matters must be assessed and approved by the Australian Government under the federal environment law. The EPBC Act cannot apply to those development proposals which are not likely to have a significant impact on these matters.

Once the referrals have been received, they will be given careful consideration as to the potential for the dams to have a significant impact on any of those environment matters protected under federal environment law, including nationally listed threatened species such as the Queensland Lungfish, Mary River Tortoise, and the Mary River Cod; endangered ecological communities; and Ramsar wetlands of international importance.

Should formal approval be required under the EPBC Act, the Australian Government would seek to work with Queensland to ensure that our environment assessment processes are coordinated.

# Oh, sack Beattie, damn the dam.

**“G’day , mate, I’m Premier Beattie,  
What’s the name o’ this place?  
Oh, it really doesn’t matter  
Coz you’re just another face  
You voted for me? – Right? – No?  
Too bad. You’ve got no case.**

**Water, mate, it’s precious  
There’s no rain and it’s not funny  
See, my four wheel drive needs washin’  
an’ I need to flush my dunny  
Find somewhere else to work and live  
Coz here’s the low-down, sonny**

**We’re gonna dam the Mary River,  
Damn the turtle and the cod,  
Damn the now endangered lungfish,  
Damn a valley blessed by God  
Care factor, mate, it’s ZERO  
See, I’m givin’ it the nod**

**See, mate, I have no rellies here  
not a good mate, nor an Aunt  
Oh hell, don’t go protesting  
an’ tell me that I can’t  
See, I’ll never win a seat here,  
an’ that’s the important part**

**You’ll be right, we’ll compensate  
My word, mate, its true blue  
So handle what I’m sayin’  
coz your sacrifice is due  
I’m busy and we’re finished now  
I’ve already forgotten about you**

**Quick, get the chopper in the air  
I’m seeing city folk  
Someone’s gotta do it  
I’m Premier, an’ that’s no joke  
I’m workin’ hard on real issues  
coz I’m a decent bloke**

**The health system, mate, it’ll be fine  
We’ve got it in the box  
I’m headin’ off to England  
To rustle up some Docs  
We’re really gonna need ‘em now  
what, with the dams and other shocks**

**Coz people just aren’t coping  
with the stuff we’re dishin’ out  
Mate, coz when you’re Premier  
You’ve gotta use your clout  
coz, jeepers , mate, it’s MY smart state!  
Hell, haven’t they worked that out?**

**Pilot, land the chopper near those houses  
I’ll smile with all my might  
G’day guys, I’m really sorry  
But you can all go fly a kite  
coz I just flew over your neighbourhood  
and this suburb’s a real good site**

**“For what?” you ask, “I’ll tell you now,  
you all deserve the information  
and I’m so chuffed it’s happening  
We’ll be the first ones in the nation  
Mates...you’ll sacrifice it all right now  
for MY NUCLEAR POWER STATION!”**

**(Look out, Brisbane, nobody is safe.)**

**Lyn Hoffman  
13/05/2006**

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