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the lungfish
says, "Save the
Mary River!"

Dam the Mary River? Save the Mary River!

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Mary River campaigner to speak at national conference Queensland University

ANTI-DAM campaigner Rick Elliot will speak at the Students of Sustainability (SoS) Annual National Conference at the University of Queensland from July 9-15.

Leader of the Save the Mary River Coordinating Group, Mr Elliot stands to lose his house and Dexter cattle stud if the flawed proposal for a dam on the Mary River at Traveston Crossing near Gympie goes ahead.

His is one of 872 properties to be inundated by the mega-dam, part of Premier Peter Beattie's quick-fix solution to solve South-East Queensland's water crisis.

The Students of Sustainability annual conference is organised by student environmentalists and attracts more than 600 delegates from all over Australia and some from overseas.

Participants of past years have described the conference as inspirational and rewarding, saying it is a time to find revelation, learn new skills and take action.

Organisers invited Mr Elliot for his expertise in the area of the Mary River Dam proposal, saying it would be extremely valuable and appreciated by both the organisers and attendees.

They are very keen to host a community forum on current developments threatening communities and their local environments within South-East Queensland and feel that his knowledge and understanding in this area would benefit the fabric of the conference content.

He will speak at the South-East Queensland Community Forum to be held at 7pm on July 13.

Other topical issues which may be addressed at the community forum include the Tugun C4 motorway and the proposed Brisbane North-South Bypass Tunnel.

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