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Dam the Mary River? Save the Mary River!

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Update on Brisbane rally at ALP Conference, June 10

THOUSANDS of people are expected to muster at Musgrave Park at South Bank, Brisbane, at 9.30am on Saturday to protest against the State Government's water strategy.

The rally group will then march to the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre to target the ALP Conference and bring the State's focus onto the water crisis in South-East Queensland.

The strong message is that there are alternative solutions to building dams in the Mary Valley and Rathdowney catchments, and they include better education of the general public on ways to save water in their daily lives.

The rally follows a week of developments, with the Queensland Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia meeting people of the Mary Valley likely to be affected by the proposed Traveston Crossing dam.

Residents will attend a public meeting with Reverend Dr David Pitman, Moderator of the Queensland Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia, at the Imbil Uniting Church Hall on June 8 at 7pm.

The Mary Valley campaign against the dam has already united the shire councils which will be heavily affected by the proposed dam – Cooloola, Tiaro, Woocoo, Hervey Bay and Noosa.

The campaign has also pushed some ALP members to question their Premier's plans for the two dams, with Gympie and Mt Coolum Labor party branches publicly opposing the Mary River dam, and has drawn support from the Queensland Coalition, the Greens and the Australian Democrats.

Environmentalist and farm industry groups including the Queensland Conservation Council and the Sunshine Coast Environment Council as well as the National Farmers Federation have all urged the Government to reconsider its plans.

You can follow the campaign on the website www.savethemaryriver.com

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