



# The Dambusters

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**This Dambusters we thank everyone who lobbied a politician, attended the Election Day of Action, who has sponsored a Save the Mary activity recently, who attended a working bee, coordinated activities, spoke to the media and in any other way campaigned to save the Mary in February and March.**

### RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET?

If not, you can download the form at [www.savethemaryriver.com](http://www.savethemaryriver.com) or visit the Save the Mary Info Centre in Kandanga.

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## From the President

This election month has seen a flood of emotion through the Mary Valley as we sat on a watershed: one way we could see an abrupt end to our 3 years of suffering with a change in government and the other the uncertainty of the strength of Minister Garrett and the EPBC Act.

Clearly the Traveston Crossing Dam was an election issue despite the Premier's attempt at not making it so. Well done to the Greater Mary Association for their tireless effort to unseat the Minister for Environment and Sustainability. A big thank you also to the Save the Mary River Brisbane Group for their hard work leading up to the election and polling day. Thanks also to everyone (and there were many!)

who supported the Election Day of Action and other election campaign activities. It was a tremendous effort, made of people's creativity, generosity, tireless energy and our ongoing determination that dams are not the answer and that the Mary must flow free.

With the dust now settled from the election, we must forge on with our facts to the Federal Government for a ruling. As we spend more time reading the supplementary EIS, it is becoming more and more obvious that spin again has been the order of the day rather than scientific fact. If you put a submission in to the EIS, check to see how your issues were considered in preparation in case we are granted a ten day

submission period by Minister Garrett.

The Coordinator General's report is way over due, waiting on more information from the proponents, QWI. This proposal to dam the Mary River still has no State or Federal approval but over \$500 million and over 14,000 ha of farming land is bought up in the Mary Valley.

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**We are planning for an anniversary Floatilla on Sunday 26 April. Keep the day free for some fun by the Mary River at Traveston Crossing. Look out for more details coming soon.**

## Election Day of Action a Great Success

The call to action was loud and clear in the lead up to March 14, Save the Mary's election day of action in Brisbane. Coinciding with International Day of Action for Rivers, several hundred Mary River supporters took to busses, utes, cars and trains to bring their message to Brisbane. Beginning by travelling in convoy from Eumundi, colourful utes with large billboards circled both city and suburban streets. While they did, teams of letterboxers distributed postcards in key marginal electorates.

Their message to Brisbane voters was clear. Vote for candidates that oppose the controversial Traveston Crossing Dam and preference Labor last.

Campaigners were struck by how many people in Brisbane that think the dam was cancelled, despite Anna Bligh being full steam ahead with the approval process.

One of the many unique Save the Mary utes, and some of the group gathered en route. (Photos A.Mackay)



**To do this month:...make sure people know the fight to save Mary is far from over...check out the new letters...read Steve Posselt's just-released book...buy copies of the *Love, Mary* reprint...sponsor the campaign...renew your membership, or buy a gift one...volunteer at the Info Centre in Kandanga...give stickers away...join the Facebook Cause.....join in the 3 year floatilla...**

## Greens Preference Deal Backfires

The decision by the Greens to suggest preferences in 14 key marginal seats in the recent election would seem to have backfired. Not only did the swap fail to get Green MP Ronan Lee elected in Indooroopilly, it resulted in a considerably reduced Green vote in 12 of the 14 electorates.

Conversely the Green vote in electorates that actively rejected the preference deal showed surprising increases. In Gympie where local Greens booth workers did not even hand out how to vote cards, the vote climbed to over 10%, while in Glasshouse and Noosa, the surge was even greater.

Everton was the only “preference deal” electorate in south-east Queensland where the Greens actually increased their vote, but this exception is easily explained. Rod Welford, the retiring member, was a past Environment Minister who was reported to be quite a strong opponent of dams. The substantial drop in the Labor vote and the increase in Green vote and the considerable number of Green voters who gave a second preference to the LNP this time around, suggests a lack of voter confidence in the green credentials of Mr Welford’s anointed successor.

In the other electorates there was only one environment issue that would draw Green voters away from their party and towards the LNP, and that was Traveston Crossing Dam.

After last election, Save the Mary campaigners claimed their campaign had cost Labor the seats of Kawana and Noosa. This time they add Hervey Bay (where Sustainability Minister Andrew McNamara had a widely anticipated, resounding defeat) and Glasshouse, and can now take some of the credit for the results in Aspley, Mudgeeraba, Gaven, Cleveland and Redlands.

Closer to home, support for the Mary has resulted in a complete absence of Labor members all the way from Caboolture to Bundaberg.

If the Premier really is listening to the regions, as she claimed on election night, it would be hard to miss this united voice and still claim that the dam was a “NIMBY” issue with a few opponents in the Mary Valley.

- Ian Mackay

Primary Votes for Greens Candidates in Key Seats		
Electorate (* indicates an electorate where Greens suggested preferring Labor)	% in 2006	% in 2008 (and change since 2006)
Aspley*	6.65	6.64 (-0.01)
Ashgrove*	15.85	11.43 (-4.42)
Barron River*	13.27	12.67 (-0.60)
Broadwater*	4.89	4.60 (-0.29)
Cleveland*	8.75	6.95 (-1.80)
Everton*	7.83	8.95 (+1.12)
Gaven*	8.94	6.96 (-1.98)
Greenslopes*	12.63	12.13 (-0.50)
Mansfield*	7.53	6.35 (-1.18)
Pumicestone*	9.52	8.40 (-1.12)
Redcliffe*	10.80	6.04 (-4.76)
Southport*	9.65	6.99 (-2.66)
Whitsunday*	4.94	5.98 (+1.04)
Gympie	9.16	10.42 (+1.26)
Glasshouse	10.69	17.68 (+6.99)
Noosa	9.53	13.08 (+3.55)

Count not finalised in Chatsworth and Redlands at time of writing.

## Downstream Voices Loud and Clear

Campaign activity by the Greater Mary Association heralded the demise of Labor in Hervey Bay, where Minister for Sustainability Andrew McNamara lost his seat and rendered the ALP entirely absent in a swathe of regional Queensland electorates around the proposed dam, testifying to anti-dam sentiment and voter dissatisfaction.

A colourful procession of endangered species and protestors were hounded by the Grim Reaper as they delivered 1000 protest letters and postcards to Mr McNamara's office in the lead-up to the election. The Grim Reaper symbolised both the death sentence the proposed dam represents to endangered species and also the death of democracy inherent in the way in which voter concerns have been ignored by the Government.

How to vote cards were also distributed on Election Day.



## Mary in the Marginals

While everyone is analysing election results and the inexact science of pre-polling to predict results, it's timely to take a look at how “Taking Mary to the Marginals” went. We weren't the only ones who headed for the government's most vulnerable parts; it was reported that both AgForce and the Friends of Felton were headed there too so it's hard separate out any impacts.

Hervey Bay was the most notable loss for the government, with Andrew McNamara “doing a Molly Robson” and being an environment minister losing his seat over an environment issue right in his own electorate. I'm not sure who deserves the greater credit for this result, the Greater Mary Association for its energetic and sustained campaign or Andrew McNamara for his apparent ability to keep digging the hole deeper.

Save the Mary targeted a number of marginal seats. Phase one was to distribute a card to be mailed back to the sitting member. At the time we embarked on this we took the Premier at her word and thought we had some six months before an election. Reports suggest a good number of these cards found their way to the sitting Labor members, with a particularly high return rate in Hervey Bay. Phase two was enacted quickly as news of the early election broke. New cards were placed in letter boxes, by distributors, by energetic Save the Mary volunteers and by the indefatigable Brisbane Group. Particular thanks to the wonderful people who sponsored the production and distribution in this phase; to get them out in such a short time was no mean feat.

Several of the seats we targeted, such as Aspley and Mudgeeraba, have changed hands, and, as I write, Cleveland, Redlands and Gaven look poised to go the same way. Thankyou to all those who helped bring Mary to the marginals.

- Ian Mackay

# The Dam From Mary River

There was movement at the Mary, for the word  
had passed around,  
that the lung fish faced it's *own* extinction day.  
There had been a State Election, Captain Bligh  
of dam renown,  
would be staying and returning to the fray.

With the battle re-ignited, Mary Valley folk  
stood brave,  
their livelihood and homes *still* on the line.  
With local history and the lung fish and the  
Mary cod to save.  
resolve and purpose wasn't hard to find.

So they gathered — as community, for another  
*'damned'* attack,  
from an enemy as *familiar* as before.  
Reputations slightly tarnished, reshuffled Cabi-  
net now intact,  
Captain Bligh and co. were *polishing* for war.

With their *plotting* and *conniving* — second  
nature in *their* fold,  
the Bligh regime resumed it's battle plan.  
Water *equals* dollars *equals* money *equals* gold,  
but the Valley folk were *damned* if they'd be  
dammed.

As the dark clouds of reality slowly crossed the  
Valley skies,  
the folk resolved to *fight* this to the end.  
Against the might of Government — all it's  
*damning*, shameful lies,  
every ounce of Valley courage would expend.

And the *feel* within the Valley is to — "*damned*  
*well fight or die*",  
with a groundswell of support for *all* to see.  
The lung fish *will* live on despite the likes of  
Captain Bligh,  
and the Mary — in her glory, will keep *running*  
— fancy free.

Harry Donnelly

## Thankyou!

To everyone who supported the  
Save the Mary Election campaign  
during February and March.

## Notes from the Save the Mary Brisbane Group

During the election period, the Brisbane team was active in several locations in the city, the suburbs and on the UQ campus.

We were joined by Steve Posselt and his kayak on Monday 9th March when we invaded West End, called in at Anna Bligh's office to deliver petitions, and gathered on Boundary Street where we were joined by the Greens and LNP candidates for that electorate with signs and banners.

In the next two weeks, we rallied outside the Executive building in George Street, at the entrance to the QUT campus, at the Department of Infrastructure and Planning offices, outside the Toowong, Garden City and Mt Gravatt shopping centres, handing out our STMR cards, talking to the public and holding up No Dam signs. We also rallied outside the office of Phil Reeves (ALP for Mansfield ) and were harassed by members of his staff.

Twice we joined with contingents of Mary Valley residents and other supporters who came down with brightly decorated vehicles and loudspeakers, to deliver postcards, gifts, and a strong Save the Mary message to Brisbane.

Extensive letterboxing of STMR cards was done in several electorates during the election period, both by our team and by visiting Mary valley residents.

On election day, ten members of the team handed out postcards to voters as they arrived at the polling booths in West End, Shorncliffe, Toowong, Mt Gravatt, Corinda, Jindalee and Greenslopes. We also placed all of our signs and banners outside these booths for maximum impact.

After the opinion polls predicted a close result, we were all surprised by the margin of the ALP win. It is notable that the ALP no longer has a State member between Caboolture and Bundaberg, and the proposed dam can be considered a primary reason for this situation.

Where does this leave the STMR campaign in Brisbane? We're ready to continue the fight for common sense and a policy change, and will need to rally the community when Bligh asks Federal Minister Garrett for approval to proceed under the national environmental laws.

Our resolve to continue the campaign for the Mary remains strong and united.

- David White, Brisbane Group

You can stay in touch with the Brisbane Group via their blog:  
<http://savethemaryriverbrisbane.wordpress.com/>.

## Election Outcome Means Campaign Opportunities

As the dust settles from the state election, and we settle into a new term of Labor government, this in no way spells the end of the campaign to save the Mary River. In many ways, this election outcome may be better for the long-term protection of the river... if the LNP had won office, they would have stopped Traveston Dam because of an election promise... since Labor retained governance, we have the opportunity to take the campaign all the way to the federal government and lobby to ensure that the proposal is stopped for good on strong environmental grounds.

The election results have yielded some interesting messages for the government to ponder - the loss of **all** seats around the area of the dam proposal; a strong green vote state-wide; the loss of Andrew McNamara (Minister for Sustainability and Climate Change); and the loss of approximately 7 Brisbane and Gold Coast seats that the Save the Mary River campaign group lobbied in the lead-up to the election. This campaign does have a strong voice because it is founded on solid data & fact, inarguable logic, and the conviction of so many people to save the Mary River.

Anna Bligh's victory speech was interesting in that it focussed strongly on the economy and Labor's commitment and responsibility to lead Queensland out of danger. If Labor is serious about being the party to lead us through tough economic times, then they have an obligation to scrap their Traveston Dam plan, which accounts for 40% of their budget blowout so far. While the global economy falls down around us, it is irresponsible, at best, to spend over \$1.7bn on a big leaky hole!

- Arkin Mackay



## The 'Long' Leadlight Raffle

After a good few months selling tickets at the Info-centre, Cooran, Gympie and through membership, Jason Makeig's donated leadlight titled "Lungfish Progeny Damned" finally was drawn at the Mary River Festival on Saturday March 21.

When the moment arrived at dusk, centre stage and just before the parade, a large dancing Lungfish was seen as were Tilly and Arkin bearing said-art. With a drum roll and chosen child from the crowd, the winning ticket was drawn.

George Hughes from Goomeri, a noted timber furniture maker, was the lucky winner and will be

receiving his prize come Easter when visiting relatives here on the coast. In all exactly 500 tickets were sold at \$2 each. An extraordinary coincidence, as Jason had stated in the raffle advertising that the art was valued at \$1000. That was exactly what was made when all was collated - a very unlikely statistical phenomenon!

The theme of the art is about the unknown survivability of new Lungfish progeny in a dam and with depleted water ways, is of course one of the main issues that **will stop the dam**.

## Save the Mary Stall Features at Mary River Festival

A small bunch of volunteers spent election day manning the Save the Mary stall at the Mary River Festival. Festival goers shopped for stickers and Save the Mary merchandise, signed letters, bought raffle tickets and signed the petition to Peter Garrett for an independent assessment of downstream impacts. Despite indecisive weather and a couple of massive downpours, attendance and interest at the stall was hearteningly strong.

The volunteers team was Henrietta and Katie Martin, Jason Makeig, Sally Mackay, Glenda Pickersgill, Arkin Mackay, Tanis Fulcher, Tanzi Smith, Shawn Jarvey, Ian Mackay and Tilly Hinton.



Tanis proudly displays the sales register (left) and Katie models a parade mask, hand-made by Glenda Pickersgill (right). Photos by T.Hinton.

## Reading for Mary: two new releases and some old favourites

Campaign identity Steve Posselt chalked up another achievement recently, with the release of his book *Cry Me a River*. The book documents Steve's remarkable journey by kayak from Brisbane to Adelaide, which preceded his several Save the Mary kayak adventures.

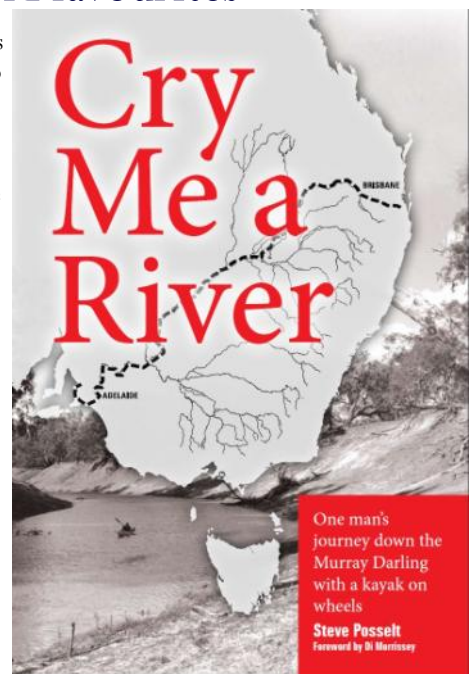
Steve is generously donating a percentage of sales made through the Save the Mary River Coordinating Group, so we recommend you pick yourself up a copy at the Save the Mary Info Centre in Kandanga or via the [www.savethemaryriver.com/shop/](http://www.savethemaryriver.com/shop/) website.

Also hot off the presses is the new edition of *Love, Mary*, with extra pages, a fresh new cover and a tear-off postcard for instant activism. These are now available at the Centre and online at [www.savethemaryriver.com/shop/](http://www.savethemaryriver.com/shop/). Special thanks goes to everyone who sponsored the new edition, and to everyone who purchased the first edition so readily, meaning that over 10,000 copies are now in circulation.

Other must-read books about dams include:

- *When The Rivers Run Dry* by Fred Pearce (ISBN: 978-1-9039-1957-6)
- *The Last Flight of the Scarlet Macaw: One Woman's Fight to Save the World's Most Beautiful Bird* by Bruce Barcott (ISBN: 978-1-4000-6293-5)
- *Water: The Fate of Our Most Precious Resource* by Marq de Villiers (ISBN: 0618127445)

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If you haven't already, make sure you sign the downstream impacts petition soon...it calls on Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett to conduct an independent investigation of the impacts of the proposed dam on the estuary and Great Sandy Strait. You can sign the petition at numerous locations in Maryborough and at the Save the Mary Info Centre in Kandanga. Please contact Tanzi on 0405 848 375 or at [run.mary.run@gmail.com](mailto:run.mary.run@gmail.com) to get copies of the petition to place in workplaces or businesses near you.

# Opposition to a dam on the Mary River remains strong and united

The community campaign to oppose the proposed Traveston Crossing dam on the Mary River will remain strong, united, active and vibrant despite the election of a majority Labor Government in Queensland.

Save the Mary River Co-ordinating Group President Glenda Pickersgill said that the Premier had a responsibility to act in the interests of all Queenslanders, not just those in the metropolitan seats in Brisbane.

"In her election night speech, the Premier acknowledged that the swing against Labor had given a strong message to the Government and that she had heard it loud and clear," Ms Pickersgill said.

"She gave an undertaking for renewal within Cabinet and the process of government. We say that this renewal should start here by recognising that science and logic will rule out proceeding with the Traveston Crossing dam."

The president of the Greater Mary Association, Darryl Stewart said that the former Minister for Sustainability, Andrew McNamara, acknowledged that the proposed dam was a key factor in his defeat in the river-mouth seat of Hervey Bay.

He pointed to the loss of seats of Hervey Bay and Glasshouse which completed a swathe of non-Labor seats from the Sunshine Coast north to Bundaberg.

"In this 'region' the voters in the seats of Buderim, Bundaberg, Burnett, Caloundra, Glasshouse, Gympie, Hervey Bay, Kawana, Maroochydore, Maryborough, Nanango, Nicklin, Noosa have made their feelings all too obvious to the government at the ballot box," he said. "There's not one hint of Labor red on the electoral map for

the entire region, not even in the high-growth, highly urbanized coastal cities of the Sunshine Coast."

"We call on Anna Bligh to listen to the majority of electors from this region," he said.

"Some of the promised 'renewal' that the Queensland Government intends to implement should start right here with a reversal of its policy to dam the Mary River at Traveston Crossing."

The Secretary of the Save The Mary River Brisbane Group, David White, said that acknowledging that there are *better sustainable* solutions to SEQ water security that *don't* include a dam at Traveston Crossing would be the sort of renewal to give real meaning to the Premier's election night message.

Speaking for the three community groups, Ms Pickersgill said that their campaigns to rally further support from the residents of Brisbane would continue and intensify unless and until the new Government reversed its current policy.

"We urge the Premier to show that she's listening, not just to the regions, but also to the independent experts who have spoken out against this dam proposal."

- Joint press release from STMRCG, Save the Mary Brisbane Group and the Greater Mary Association.



**As our campaign steps up into a new phase, look out for new letters online and at the Save the Mary Info Centre. Our voices have never mattered as much as they do right now.**

## Sound Familiar?: a fight against the Chalillo Dam in Belize

Catherine Cheung and Dawn Forrer share this extract, for its startling parallels with our own fight to save the Mary:

*"...EIAs often provide little more than the illusion of environmental checks and balances. Many of the world's largest construction firms now operate lucrative environmental consulting arms that produce slick project-justifying EIAs for the worst sorts of developments. ...*

*As the tobacco companies can tell you, plenty of scientists are happy to sell their scruples to the highest bidder. Environmentalists often deride these pliable researchers as 'biostitutes'. If biostitutes can't be found, an EIA consultant can subcontract the scientific studies to reputable researchers and then hide or misrepresent the findings. Often this is done through summary fraud, in which dire findings in the scientific data are ignore or contradicted in the report's executive summary. The deception usually works because most researchers sign nondisclosure agreements that prevent them from talking to the press.*

*Working out of Amec's Montreal office, Goulet and other officials put together a 1,500- page masterpiece of spin and obfuscation. Again and again Chris Minty's findings were ignored, warped, or outright contradicted. About the tapir, Belize's beloved mountain cow, the Amec team wrote that 'measures are required to mitigate potentially significant adverse impacts' to the animal. This despite Minty's statement that 'any costly efforts to rescue and relocate tapirs would have little effect'. Where Minty predicted that the dam would wipe out native fish and shellfish along a twelve-mile stretch of river, the EIA's main report predicted that 'downstream fish communities would benefit from a more stable flow regime'. On the scarlet macaw, Minty's team was unequivocal: *Ara macao cyanoptera* was an endangered subspecies that would be wiped out by the dam. That information was translated ... as: '... If the Belize population is not a distinct subspecies, significant adverse residual effects to the macaw are unlikely.' ...*

*A reader brings certain assumptions to a 1,500-page environmental impact assessment. One assumes that the main report accurately reflects the data in the supporting documents. One expects the executive summary to offer a truthful précis of the main report. The Chalillo EIA did neither."*

- an extract from "The Last Flight of the Scarlet Macaw" by Bruce Barcott

## From the President (cont.)

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The report is now proposed for May/June 2009, which will then set the clock ticking for Minister Peter Garrett's EPBC Act decision within 30 days. We continue to find flawed data in the Supplementary EIS and urge Minister Garrett to allow a 10 day public submission period to inform his decision.

We have raised community concerns about potential flooding upstream of the proposed dam, with residents saying that their concerns are being ignored. Many people are living on properties which already go partly under water when the Mary River floods, and there is widespread disbelief at the claims made by QWI that their properties would not be flood-affected by a proposed dam. We are asking to see revised flood modelling maps that show corrections in upstream modelling that was detailed in the EIS.

We have also discussed how unreliable this proposal is even before taking into account climate change. See just how quickly the proposed dam would fail in a drought at: [www.savethemaryriver.com/drpl/sites/default/files/akookyidea.pdf](http://www.savethemaryriver.com/drpl/sites/default/files/akookyidea.pdf)

Mitigation strategies and environmental offsets too remain a mystery with very little detail explained in the supplementary EIS and no further news after Premier Bligh's announcement of delays in construction while mitigation measures are put in place.

Similarly the Greater Mary Association has presented research to the Coordinator General from experts on the highly likely downstream impacts that still the supplementary EIS has ignored.

The Wide Bay Conservation Council's court challenge to Sunwater over ineffective fish

passage for the Australian lungfish at Paradise dam took another step closer with a further prehearing meeting held on 10th March. The court hearing date is set for the 7th September and now increased from 2 weeks to 4 weeks. To follow the court case: [www.envlaw.com.au/paradise.html](http://www.envlaw.com.au/paradise.html). A four week hearing increases the cost, but also increases our chances of getting a fairer outcome, so we are being called on for some more financial support.

As we look to our third anniversary at the end of April, let us reflect positively on how far we have come in this campaign and celebrate what we have learnt, the new friendships and supporting networks we have made along the way.

*Glenda Pickersgill*

## Telling the Mary River Story at the Two Fires Festival

Adele and Tanzi travelled to Braidwood to speak about the Mary River at the Two Fires Festival held every two years near Canberra.

This is a Festival of Arts and Activism held in honour of Judith Wright, who achieved much for the environment and indigenous land rights. There was a lot of interest in the Mary River, and seventy 'Love, Mary' books were sold and distributed to people keen to spread the word in Sydney, Melbourne, South Australia, Canberra and the south coast of NSW. More books were ordered, and people down south are very motivated by the plight of the "hairy Mary River Turtle!"

Through their networking at the Festival, Tanzi was invited to the launch of the Australian Water Network in Sydney later this week, where Maude Barlow - international guru for sustainable water use around the planet, is the guest speaker. Maude's comments about "rivers having rights and needs to natural flow" are included in our 'Love, Mary' book. More news to come!



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