

Dear Sir/Madam

I urge you to strongly oppose the Queensland government proposal to build a dam on the Mary Valley.

Due to danger of extinction to the indigenous species. It is completely unsuitable for many different reasons.

Being a shallow pond it will be subject to high evaporation making it a breeding ground for water borne weeds and production of greenhouse gases from the decaying matter in the catchment area.

It will damage the river and the ecosystem downstream due to reduced flows. In dry times with no flows at all.

It will be a new Murray River in the making. Another River destroyed.

Maybe there's already irreparable enough damage in our environment by man made intervention.

Do we have to cause more?

This area should be put aside to grow food, as it is one of the most fertile valley in Queensland.

Out of this valley comes 15% of Queensland milk, beef, vegetables and fruit. (Just to name a few.)

Providing jobs to thousands of people.

I hope you will look closely into this.

When our environment is gone. Humanity as well will follow.

Yours Faithfully
Ciro De Luca