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TRAVESTON DAM - THE FIGHT GOES ON

Last Sunday marked the third anniversary of the beginning of the fight to save the Mary Valley from the Traveston Crossing Dam. Member for Noosa and Shadow Minister for Climate Change & Sustainability, Glen Elmes, attended what locals had billed as a celebration of music, food, friends and fun, at the Traveston Crossing Bridge. There were 150 canoes paddling down the river, a significant increase on last year's numbers.

"The determination by the local community is just fantastic. They have not wavered in their fight to ensure that this idiotic piece of so-called infrastructure is not built" Glen Elmes said.

"I attended the meeting at the Gympie Show Grounds when Peter Beattie faced the crowd and I have also attended many other protest meetings, both in Gympie and in other regional centres. This issue is just as important in Noosa and the rest of the Sunshine Coast as it is for the communities that make up the Mary Valley. Their fight is our fight and I was delighted to see many people from my electorate attend on Sunday as well.

"Research has shown that if just 3000 people had changed their votes in selected seats at the recent state election, Queensland could well have a different government today - and yet Anna Bligh claims a mandate. So far nearly 26,000 people have now signed petitions protesting the proposed dam - I suggest that this is a mandate, just as strong as the Labor Government's, **NOT TO BUILD THE DAM.**

"The Liberal National Party will never agree to this flawed proposal. This support for the Mary Valley, was evidenced on Sunday by the attendance of Federal Member for Wide Bay Warren Truss, Member for Gympie, David Gibson, Member for Indooroopilly, Scott Emmerson, and myself.

"The Queensland Greens have lost any shred of credibility with their election eve backdoor preference deal which gave a leg up to 10 Labor members which helped return the Bligh Government. Senator Bob Brown and ex-Queensland MP, Ronan Lee, should hang their heads in shame. ENDS

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