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Working towards a sustainable and productive catchment

Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee

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The Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee strongly supports the Federal Environment Minister's final decision to not approve the Traveston Crossing Dam. MRCCC Chairman Phil Moran commented that there was now a "fabulous opportunity for setting a world class example of sustainable, community-driven river and landscape management. Over the last four years, public recognition of this river and its unique natural values has grown immensely, as has the level of scientific knowledge and international interest. We hope that all levels of government now see a great opportunity to move forward with the communities and land managers of the Mary Catchment to enact a shared vision for the future of this river."

Catchment officer Steve Burgess, who has taken a great interest in water resource planning in the Mary, commented, "It is important that all people in the catchment who care for the future of the river and the communities it supports can now have a say in handing this river over to future generations in better condition than what it is in now. I hope that a truly inclusive process of consultation is put in place for helping to chart the future of the river, with great care given to how we manage our water resources into the future."

Since 1994 the MRCCC has worked cooperatively with the community, industry and all levels of government towards achieving a sustainable and productive catchment. The MRCCC would like to thank all the people who have played a part in working towards this vision so far and look forward to continuing this work in a cooperative manner well into the future. For information about how to be involved contact the MRCCC Resource Centre on 07 5482 4766 or visit www.mrccc.org.au

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