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The Traveston Dam issue and its effect on the Mary River community will feature in World Expo 2008 in Zaragoza, Spain.

A multi-media presentation on the Mary centred on human rights and environment is currently in production. Last week a team comprising Randall Wood (filmmaker), Peter Meredith (author) and Arkin Mackay (photographer) were capturing testimonies from the Mary River community and downstream affected enterprises and areas.

This artistic presentation will feature with 22 other nations in the Citizens Initiatives Pavilion at Expo. The theme is "Homage to the affected of Water Policies", and will feature the many human rights conflicts and impacts felt all over the globe, especially from the building of dams.

Along with river systems under threat, like the Mekong in Asia, the Mary River presentation will take its place on a world stage.

The fight to save the beautiful Mary Valley and its community is being brought to the attention of the world through words and pictures captured by the professional team working together in the Mary.

This entry to Expo has been achieved through a partnership between Brisbane's group Bulimba Creek Catchment Committee and the European Rivers Network, who are facilitating other entries.

Bulimba Creek's Wayne Cameron said "This is an opportunity we had to take, and we have raised money to get most of it on the road to Zaragoza. All this from grassroots not-for-profit organisations collaborating and having a dream."

Wayne Cameron
Catchment Manager & Vice President
(Bulimba Creek Catchment Committee)

EXPO INFORMATION:

Website for Zaragoza organisers www.faro2008.org

Aims of World Expo under theme "Water and Sustainable Development":

1. To reflect Societies vitality, diversity and ability to innovate to face the challenge to suggest alternative solutions and promote critical thinking.
2. To stimulate the general public to feel a thirst for change to convey the spirit and initiatives presented in order to generate new commitments and resources.
3. To present projects showing the daily work of the social movements working on issues of sustainable development.

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