

MEDIA STATEMENT



Murray Cowper MLA

**Shadow Minister for Industrial
Relations; Emergency Services;
Member for Murray**

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Logue Brook goes to Parliament : March 19th

Member for Murray, Murray Cowper MLA will be joining with those opposed to the closure of Logue Brook Dam on Wednesday March 19th when they take their protest to the steps of the WA Parliament in a rally from Belmont Park to Parliament House.

On the afternoon of the rally, when Mr Cowper expects the public gallery to be filled with Logue Brook Dam supporters, he will be presenting a petition with over 2500 signatures protesting the closure of the dam, and will move that an inquiry be conducted into the decision to close the dam, and postpone the closure until a committee reports back at the end of August.

Mr Cowper will request that the committee look into the necessity of using the dam for potable water supply, the suitability of Lake Kepwari as an alternative recreation facility, and whether adequate funding has been allocated for recreation facilities in the South-West.

He has said that a refusal to inquire into and postpone the decision would be arrogant of the Government.

“By not taking into account the extent of the opposition to the closure of this recreation spot which has been loved by generations of Western Australians, the Government is once again showing that its agenda does not include the needs of thousands of West Australians.”

Member for Collie, Mick Murray recently called Mr Cowper “ignorant”, claiming he had called for closure of the Wellington Dam instead, however Mr Cowper has stated that he has not called for the closure of Wellington Dam at any stage and is simply asking the Government to look into alternative places to find 5GL of water each year, stating that wasted overflows from Wellington, which came to 20GL last year, might be one option.

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