



Fight for creek flows to web

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MOVE over, Mississippi — it is time to make Baffle Creek the star, according to Friends of Baffle Basin (FOBB) president Sabine Holt.

As part of a campaign to prevent it being dammed, FOBB has gone online to ensure the creek is kept in the public eye until formal protection is arranged.

“We are working on a video which will be put on (video-sharing website) YouTube, and on our website,” Dr Holt said.

A community action day was held on Sunday in Seventeen Seventy, as part of a series of events planned for every town in the Baffle Creek basin, including Rosedale, Agnes Water, Lowmead and others.

“We will keep doing action days and keep campaigning, to make sure

it is fresh in people’s minds, so that politicians get the message,” Dr Holt said.

“We want people in each town we visit to think about what they can do in their local area to keep the issue in the spotlight.”

About 100 people attended Sunday’s meeting, including Gladstone Region councillor Clyde Cameron, who presented a letter from council supporting the view that the Baffle should not be dammed.

Alternative water solutions were offered by Sunrise at 1770 developer Greg Millar and Agnes Water Landcare president Frank George, including storm water harvesting, recycled water and the replenishment of underground aquifers.

Dr Holt said solutions such as these could also have made the planned Agnes Water/Seventeen

Seventy desalination plant unnecessary.

Premier Anna Bligh has publicly stated that the Baffle would not be dammed while she is the premier of Queensland, but the FOBB aims to have this promise made into a guarantee with Wild Rivers legislation to permanently prevent a dam being built.

“The legislation aims to set clear standards for developers whilst prohibiting damming or other encumbrances on the main arteries of the river,” Dr Holt said.

“We need to keep the campaign in the public eye until it can be protected by this legislation.”

The next meeting for the group is at Kahunas at Agnes Water, tonight at 7pm.



PROTEST: The fight to prevent Baffle Creek from being dammed is continuing so a guarantee is made. *SUBMITTED PHOTO*