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SUBMISSION: FNC Water Strategy

To Whom it may concern,

I am a land holder living in The Channon since 1989. I have a chronic disability that requires I budget my time and energy extremely carefully and wisely. Choosing to write this submission is testament to how strongly I feel about the following issue.

I appreciate the wide ranging strategy DPIE has used in developing the FNC Water Strategy. I appreciate the DPIE's commitment to addressing reliable water into the future. However, I urge the DPIE to not rely on Rous's Future Water Project 2060 to much as that plan hinges on building a contentious Dam at Dunoon.

The Dunoon Dam should no longer be an option.

There has been widespread opposition to the Dunoon Dam that has been withheld from the DPEI by both Limore and Rous Councils. 91% of the 1290 online submissions to Rous about the Dam were in opposition of it. Clearly showing the Dam proposal as failing the triple bottom line test (economic/environment/social).

The destructive nature of building a Dam at Dunoon has been addressed in numerous reports. Covering both threatened and endangered terrestrial ecological sites and culturally significant sites of Aboriginal Heritage. The proposed Dam increases extinction pressure on Koalas, Platypus and Native Fish including destruction of part of the remaining Big Scrub Rainforest (of which only 1% remains) and it's threatened species. "Offsets" are unacceptable when set against these potential extinction pressures.

Again failing the triple bottom line test, Economic/Environment /Social.

The most confusing and exasperating aspect of Rous's proposal to build a Dam at Dunoon is that there are better, cheaper, proven and more efficient options to reliable water already being used elsewhere in Australia. System-wide water efficiency is recommended by the 2020 NSW Productivity Green Paper.

Professor Stuart Khan (UNSW) has said a resilient water system would have 30-50% of supply from sources that don't depend on rain, such as Purified Recycled Water and desalination, both of which can be powered by renewable energy. (ABC North Coast Radio, 22/10/20)

Rous Future Water 2060 fails to mention system resilience as important, and seriously examined only groundwater and Dunoon Dam. (Rous County Council, Future Water Project 2060, 2020.

Rous County Council have failed to show leadership in contemporary water management.

The lack of attention to water efficiency is evident from the fact that

during the past 2 years there was a significant amount of time in which RCC did not employ a Demand Management officer. The position is now filled part-time, reflecting the low priority that RCC still attaches to water efficiency.

All options need to be given serious attention including water efficiency, roof and stormwater harvesting (including tanks), and water sources that don't need rain such as purified recycled water and desalination.

RCC failed to provide leadership in increasing knowledge of innovative water management. There is a lack of familiarity with options showcased by WSAA in All Options on the Table (WSAA) and on the Cooperative Research Centre Water Sensitive Cities website. The narrow focus on Dunoon Dam has stunted water literacy in the region. This is a deficit that DPIE needs to rectify in the Regional Strategy. Most urgently.

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Yours sincerely,

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