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Hi All,

Objection to the Dunoon Dam proposal

Please note, I'm not intending to repeat points you have already received in opposition to the dam.....at least that's not my intent

1. Background: Was an inaugural member of the Brunswick Valley Wastewater Committee and thus involved in discussions re the new STP now called Brunswick Valley STP at Vallances Road in Byron Shire. I learned about sewerage! That interest has carried forward to-date.

2. Recycled Treated Effluent Sadly, Byron Shire Council has an appalling record on recycling of treated effluent!!!!

If one considers the sum of treated effluent from Lismore, Byron and Ballina Shire Councils that is wasted because of either no recycling or limited recycling it makes a mockery, of doing 'water security' Treated effluent is an invaluable resource that could readily be used for industry, irrigation etc at a cost of course. I can only surmise that the infrastructure cost for recycling would be substantially less than the capital and on going maintenance cost of constructing a dam.

3. Desalination plants make more sense than building the Dunoon Dam. But they MUST AT ALL STAGES IN THE PROCESS be in public hands and never privatised!!!! Desalination plants can be brought on line when needed. They will be the infrastructure of the future and operated robotically become even more efficient/less costly.....remember we are now in looking at the 4th Industrial Age as recognised by the International Money Fund and the World Economic Forum...decoded it means Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and a Digital Age.

4. There is a push to argue that the cost of potable water is too low. My response to that is that people have become more water conscious and have endeavoured to reduce their water consumption. However, there is a limit beyond which it becomes difficult to reduce further. At that point, it is easy for those in authority and decision making to argue that the cost of potable water needs to be increased. It's a captured market. It becomes and unconscionable act to exploit the situation.

Taking on 'water security' serious means looking at alternative futures rather than repeating the past and its reliance on dams and wasting water that has been treated to higher standards than previously

Take care,

