

From: regionalwater.strategies@dpi.e.nsw.gov.au
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: DPIE W Regional Water Strategies Mailbox
Subject: Your submission for Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy

1. Information on confidentiality and privacy

I give my permission for my submission to be publicly available on the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website.: Yes

I would like my personal details to be kept confidential.: No

2. Your details

Email address: [REDACTED]

Name: Lisa Ryan Ryan

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Do you identify as an Aboriginal person?: No

Are you an individual or representing an organisation?: Individual

3. Organisation or business details

Who do you represent?: Other

If you selected Government, please clarify.:

If you selected Peak representative organisation, please clarify.:

4. Draft Regional Water Strategy objectives and vision

Do you support this vision for the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy? : No

If no, please outline your vision for the long term management of water resources in this region?: The strategy FAILS to include nonhuman animals including native species, biodiversity and critical ecosystems. Environmental protection should be No 1 priority.

5. Information and modelling used to develop the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy

Do you have any comments about the information used to develop this strategy?: The strategy FAILS to include other critical stakeholders and evidence (NASA predictions of depleted Australian groundwater), ecologists, and environmental scientists. Historical data on climate can no longer be relied upon. Most councils water strategies and plans are reactive NOT proactive and are driven by economics and lobbying not environmental concerns. The climate emergency requires science and consultation with global experts.

Please provide details if there is additional information you think we should consider?: Comprehensive assessment of water use (current and predicted), for humans, environment and biodiversity including ecosystems, including drains on surface and groundwater. NASA reports on groundwater. Global climate change experts.

6. Stochastic modelling method

Do you have any comments about the modelling method used to develop this strategy?: It lacks strategic and critical thinking.

Is there any additional information that you believe could help us assess the benefits and disadvantages of draft options?: You need to more broadly consult community through workshops or easy surveys through councils, environmental organisations etc.

7. Opportunities and challenges for water management in the Far North Coast region

Do you have any comments on the opportunities, risks and challenges identified?: You are ignoring an assessment of the future (climate change) priorities for water which should be 1) humans 2) environment 3) nonhumans, biodiversity and ecosystems. You are ignoring the unknown use of water for animal agri-business.

Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that we should consider and what options could address these?: STOP spending public money on dams - they don't work. STOP damming and flooding nature. STOP water going into animal agri-business.

8. Draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy options

Which five (5) options do you think are most important?: 20. Establish sustainable extraction limits for Far North Coast surface water and groundwater sources. 21. Establish and/or increase environmental water releases from major storages in the Far North Coast. 32. Improved data collection and information sharing.37. Protecting coastal groundwater resources for town water supplies and rural water users.24. Bringing back riverine and estuarine habitat and threatened species

Please comment on why you think these options are most important? : Because conservation demands these priorities and today's society has a clear responsibility to tomorrow's generation.

Which five (5) options do you think are least important? (If any): N/A

Please comment on why you think these options are least important? : N/A

Do you have any comments on the draft options?: N/A

9. Option combinations

Do you have any thoughts on how the options could be combined with other options?: Options should be combined under broad heading - People, Environment, Biodiversity, Compliance, Regulation, Enforcement

Are there additional options that we should consider?: You must include issues surrounding high water use in animal agri-business- surface and groundwater.

10. Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy?: Water is our most precious resources. The broad public have NIL confidence in how NSW water is being managed and regulated. There are too many conflicts of interest. Additional community input is essential.

11. Referral

How did you hear about the public exhibition of this strategy?: Social media