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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Wollongbar and have three investment residential properties in Lismore that I headlease to North Coast Community Housing. My family and I have resided in the Northern Rivers for 28 years, and have grown to love this beautiful part of the world. The area where the proposed Dunoon Dam is one of my favourite local hiking and recreational areas.

It is entirely understandable that more people would wish to live in this beautiful region, and with the increased population, water supply is an essential commodity. I commend the DPIE for its work thus far in developing the Far North Coast Water Strategy.

However, I'm very concerned that the Strategy relies too heavily on the Rous Future Water 2060 plan, which is dependent on the proposed Dunoon Dam going ahead.

The area where the proposed dam will be built will destroy rare and precious rainforests, of which there are only 1% left. It will also destroy significant cultural heritage, including Aboriginal burial sites. Furthermore, the dam will destroy the habitat of a host of native animals including the koala.

I have read reports by scientific experts such as Water Services Association of Australia and am persuaded by their opinion that dams are high risk investments as they rely on rainfall in a changing climate (the lengthy periods of droughts we have experienced of late come immediately to mind).

I would therefore like to appeal to you to decide on a water strategy for the Far North Coast, that is not reliant on the Dunoon Dam.

Thank you.

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