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Regional Water Strategies

By email - regionalwater.strategies@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir

Re: Submission to Draft Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy

Thank you for the opportunity for Council to make a submission to the draft Border Rivers Regional Water Strategy. Council considered this submission at its meeting of 28 June 2022 and resolved (Resolution 07.22.135) to endorse this submission.

We note that the draft strategy has not proposed Option 8 (Inland diversion from the east (Clarence River – large diversion)) for short listing on the basis this option is considered “Not viable due to low benefit to cost ratio and uncertainty about realisation of benefits”. **Council strongly supports that Option 8 not be short listed.**

Council has considered the issue of diversion on numerous occasions and its position is best summarised in Resolution 6a.20.036 from its meeting of 22 September 2020:

That Council reiterate its policy position of opposition to any proposal that would result in any diversion of water from Clarence catchments, as previously resolved by Council resolutions 12.005/06, 05.006/07, 10.017/10 and 15.081/16.

If you require further information please contact Council’s Manager Water Cycle, [REDACTED].

Yours faithfully

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