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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of the Northern Rivers and am writing to voice my strong objections to the proposed Dunoon Dam for many reasons.

Primarily, the destruction of Aboriginal Heritage by the proposed dam is unacceptable as are the ecological impacts of the dam. We are facing an environmental catastrophe and the further destruction of any areas of significant ecological value are utterly unacceptable.

This dam will place greater extinction pressure on koalas, platypus and native fish.

There are sound alternatives for water security and this dam of great destruction is not one of them. The dam will be totally reliant on rainwater which has been described by Water Services Australia as high risk. Why on earth undertake a high risk operation that will cause significant damage to cultural heritage and the environment when there are safe and ecologically friendly solutions?

Rous needs to look seriously at the options which are: water efficiency, roof and stormwater harvesting (including tanks), and water sources that don't need rain such as purified recycled water and desalination.

91% of 1290 written and online submissions to RCC opposed the dam option the community has spoken loudly and clearly so, please, listen.

This dam was rejected before, in a less environmentally critical time, it needs to be rejected again.

Yours truly,