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Subject: Submission - Far North Coast Water Strategy  
Dear Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
Please accept my submission to the Far North Coast Water Strategy. My name is [REDACTED], I am a lawyer working in the far north coast region. I live on land outside The Channon. I am aware how precious water is, and how important water security is to our region, particularly after the recent debilitating drought and fires. I read the Far North Coast Water Strategy with interest, and commend you on this important project. I write to express my opposition to one option on the table: the contentious Dunoon Dam. I note there is widespread opposition to this dam in our region, in fact, I understand over 90% of submissions to the Rous Future Water Project opposed the dam. Flooding The Channon Gorge for the Dam will destroy rainforest and habitat for threatened species (including our precious koalas and platypus), and will flood significant cultural sites. I am concerned that Rous County Council is pushing the dam agenda without fully researching the extent of the environmental and cultural damage the dam will cause. Further, the dam will be extremely costly to our region, and studies I have read indicate it will not guarantee water supply in times of drought. I encourage you to consider a range of other options - some non-rain reliant - to ensure water security in our region. Kind regards, [REDACTED]