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My name is [REDACTED]. I'm a senior hydrogeologist with over 30 years' experience as an environmental regulator and consultant.

In 2013, I undertook a review of groundwater resources as an alternative to relying on surface water supplies, working for CM Jewell & Associates for Rous County Council - the project report is on file there.

I have been following the Far North Coast Water Strategy for some time, and DPIE is to be commended for its engagement quality.

In my view, it would be a mistake for the Strategy to depend too much on Rous's Future Water 2060 project. That plan hinges on the contentious Dunoon Dam, and that the Dunoon Dam should no longer be an option in the strategy, for the following reasons (amongst many others):

1. The scale of environmental destruction required to build Dunoon Dam is totally unacceptable under the cloud of a climate emergency.
2. Over 90% of 1290 written and online submissions to RCC opposed the dam option.
3. A broad suite of other effective options were preferred by respondents. There are many valid alternatives to the dam, including targeted groundwater resources, sewage energy mining to fund treatment, and/or stormwater-fed managed aquifer recharge, all of which can and should be augmented by ambitious demand reduction.

I would be happy to discuss the above matters further,

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