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**Subject:** Dunoon Dam Objection and Northern Rivers water strategy for 2060.

Hi, I'm [REDACTED] I'm 52 yrs old and long term resident of the Channon Dunoon area for 20 yrs. As a farmer and family man I,ve developed a true understanding of our environment.

I've studied sustainable agriculture at University, and a qualified motor mechanic in earthmoving machinery.

I like to express my concern regarding this particular Dunoon Dam site. I'm not against building a dam to secure a long term water supply but this valley is not the place for it. There are many reasons for my geographical objection.

We have the highest rain fall in NSW which was evident in the massive flooding two years ago. The main down pour happened within a few hours in the middle of the night, inundating the valleys and lower areas down stream. This caused record flood levels in the Channon village.

The main cause of flooding was due to excessive flow from Rocky creek blocking the other two creek outlets, Turntable and Terrania creeks. The back up of water flooding to areas and heights not seen before.

In the inevitability of another cyclonic event, this Dams overflow system will endanger the inhabitants lives and property below the dam.

Knowledge of the Rocky Dam watermark levels not below 60 percent in this last server drought exasperated this concern.

The Dam will not take long to fill and overflow. Especially after the disaster flooding in Qld Lockyer valley with lost of lives and destruction of towns, there is genuine fear in the Channon and down stream areas to Lismore concerning this inevitable event.

Flooding mitigation can't predict these events with the climate change rate.

There are safer places to construct a dam in the Northern Rivers.

This wild life corridor is essential for the valley inhabitants to survive. I've been observing the animals for years. The range of rare critical weight animals including Birdlife depends on the remaining old growth forest, which the percentage is very low.

The unique Aboriginal heritage of this Widgibal and Wiybal country has buried ancestors and artefacts which need to be respectful untouched for culture learning and tourism oppertunities

There are other options for water security which also need to be developed, some highlighted in the Rous water plan.

I would like to see a subsidy for house hold rain water tanks. Encouraging people to harvest Thier own water where possible. Smart water technologies have a big future in Australia, this should be embraced. Research and development projects that reuse and recycle and harvest water will create great export oppertunities.

We're a developing country and always create clever ideas. Let's enhance our talented people and encourage their strengths for future oppertunities.

Regards [REDACTED]