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RE Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy, here is my submission:

I live in Ocean Shores, Byron Shire, and am growing ever more concerned about the viability of our shire and the wider Northern Rivers in this time of climate change. I understand that the Far North Coast Water Strategy aims to ensure us a reliable water supply for many years to come, and I applaud that aim. However, I am strongly opposed to the proposed Dunoon Dam as part of that strategy.

I am one of many who are very much against this proposed dam because its existence will depend on a plentiful supply of rain into the foreseeable future. Well, that is something we simply cannot count on! We are having more and more extended dry periods in our area, and we have to assume we will see much more of the same in future. What we need are for residents and businesses to use effective water-saving strategies, and for Rous Water to do a far better job of managing and conserving the water in its jurisdiction and of educating its customers about water conservation. Incentives to install rainwater tanks on existing properties and implement other water-saving measures would also be welcome.

I am also opposed to the proposed Dunoon Dam because it will involve destruction of aboriginal heritage sites. Our First Nations people have been pushed around enough. It's time to give them the final say land use because they are the traditional owners and stewards of the land.

Finally, I am opposed to the dam because it will put even greater pressure on our close-to-extinct koalas with the severing of their corridors. Our iconic koalas should be protected, not undermined still further.

Plenty of other reasons exist for refusing to allow this dam, but those are my main reasons.

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