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Subject: Dunoon Dam

To whom it may concern:

I [REDACTED] would like to voice my opposition to the construction of a dam in the Channon/ Dunoon. I appreciate that you are taking initiative to forestall water shortages before they occur, however you are simply employing outdated means.

To start with the construction of a dam is permanent. Once it has gone in you can not in retrospect realise the waste of natural environment and reverse the decision.

An audit on current water usage can tidy our water usage right up. Sydney jumped on board with this endeavour and found it to be the most economical solution for the consumer for the environment.

I grew up in rural Qld and therefore had to rely on rainwater catchment and storage for all household water usage. In so doing I grew up with water management and water economy in mind. To simply have a near infinite supply of water is only going to encourage inefficient use of water by both households and industry.

Rainwater tanks for household and industry will greatly reduce the need for such water reserves. All new construction projects can and should be required to install rainwater tanks to both increase independence and raise awareness to water usage. Tanks can and should also be fitted to existing building infrastructure where possible as a means to the same end. Tanks also reduce water runoff. As an individual who's business was submerged under 2500mm of water three years ago I can attest that slowing and pre-emptively catching water runoff simply makes sense.

To further the argument against the building of this dam I would like to point out the ecological impacts this dam will have to the environment. Several reports that show the dam would obliterate Aboriginal Heritage, and destroy rare rainforests that comprise part of the Big Scrub Rainforest, of which just 1% is left.

We as a species need to learn to live within our means and within the means of our environment. Simply put to rob nature to satisfy our growth is completely outdated. There are countless animals who's home is under threat from this construction. We are not the only species with a claim to life and real estate in this world. If the model of chopping up mother nature for our convenience continues uninterrupted where does it end? We need to think outside of the box and we need to start doing so yesterday.

Regards

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