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My name is [REDACTED] and I have been a resident of the ridge between Terania and Tuntable Creek catchments, seven kilometres from The Channon, for the past 43 years.

I would like to commend the DPIE for your work on developing the FNC Water Strategy in seeking to secure a reliable water supply into the future. I believe the Rous County Council and Lismore City Council have done a grave disservice in advocating for the proposed Dunoon/ The Channon Dam, despite very widespread opposition within the communities which would be mostly deeply impacted by its proposed construction.

At a this time, when we are seeing the escalating effects of climate change, the building of a vast dam in a highly sensitive remnant in the last of the remaining 1% of the Big Scrub, including habitat for our highly vulnerable and iconic species, koala and platypus, on an extremely rare sandstone base, appears utter vandalism.

It appears Rous County Council have been unwilling to implement the water efficiency programs in the region as advocated by Dr Stuart White, Director of the Institute for Sustainable Futures, at Sydney's University of Technology. Water efficiency is cheap and effective, as demonstrated by the work of ISF in the Sydney catchment, saving both money and maximising the effectiveness of a most precious resource.

There is very deep concern for the negative impacts of such a vast dam, with over 91% of the over 1290 written and online submissions opposed to the dam; clearly indicating it lacks a social licence. Water Services of Association of Australia have identified new dams as being a high risk investment due to their dependence on rain in an increasingly uncertain climate. Please use this important review as an opportunity to develop wise leadership of our most precious resource.

Thank you for your work.

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