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Subject: Submission

Hi, I would like to offer a submission on the NSW Border Rivers regional water strategy.

I oppose the construction of the Mole River Dam.

I live in the Mole River valley and I have seen first hand NSW Water conduct their assessments

in this information gathering phase during year 1.

1. Community consultation has been incredibly poor, with NO direct communication to

property owners who are directly affected, but not inundated. And VERY LITTLE consultation with those who will be inundated.

2. The environmental assessment was incredibly rushed and there was very little, if any, 'on the ground' work done.

3. The heritage assessment relied on a previous assessment, with no contact with the

Elders. And the people conducting the archeological survey said they could "just move

the bones" if they found any(as they claimed they had permission from the Elders during a previous feasibility study) which defies belief.

4. The water inflow to the dam will be nowhere near enough to support a "horticultural

industry" which is one of the goals of the Tenterfield Council. NSW Water seems to acknowledge this (by inference), but this so called benefit of a horticultural industry

continues to be touted as a benefit of the dams construction.

5. No thought seems to have gone into the huge cost of pumping the water 400m uphill to

Tenterfield and how they are going to achieve this.

Regards,

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