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Subject: Your submission for North Coast Regional Water Strategy

1. Information on confidentiality and privacy

I give my permission for my submission to be publicly available on the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website.: Yes
I would like my personal details to be kept confidential.: Yes

2. Your details

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Do you identify as an Aboriginal person?: No
Are you an individual or representing an organisation?: Individual

3. Organisation or business details

Who do you represent?: Other
If you selected Government, please clarify.:
If you selected Peak representative organisation, please clarify.:

4. Draft Regional Water Strategy objectives and vision

Do you support this vision for the North Coast Regional Water Strategy? : No

If no, please outline your vision for the long term management of water resources in this region?:
I am against taking water from Clarence river system to a town outside the Clarence catchment. For eg. enlarging Shannon Dam to supply water to Bellingen. Every town should be facilitated in establishing recycled effluent for industrial use and watering of sporting fields, parks. Grants could be given to encourage installation of home water tanks. There should be a strategy of policing volumes of water taken out of the system under licence and prohibiting the transfer of water licences from one catchment to another. Large water holders of expanded farming operations should only be able to accumulate water volumes from the one catchment and not be able to transfer water entitlements from another catchment. The Clarence river needs to be considered as a whole unit. The source is just as important as the mouth. The fish spawning at the mouth and coastal tourism are in need of the clean and healthy waters so what we do with our farming and industry all along the length of the Mighty Clarence needs to be responsible in delivering that outcome. Wetlands which

have been closed off with levees need to be opened up again to bring back natural flows enhancing the prawn industry . This is in addition to preserving existing wetlands.

5. Information and modelling used to develop the North Coast Regional Water Strategy

Do you have any comments about the information used to develop this strategy?:

Please provide details if there is additional information you think we should consider?:

6. Stochastic modelling method

Do you have any comments about the modelling method used to develop this strategy?:

Is there any additional information that you believe could help us assess the benefits and disadvantages of draft options?:

7. Opportunities and challenges for water management in the North Coast region

Do you have any comments on the opportunities, risks and challenges identified?:

The biggest risk is tampering with the natural flow of water. ie diverting ,blocking [damming], over allocating water taking from the river.

Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that we should consider and what options could address these?:

Minimise the risk of water quality by legislating to ban mining on any part of the catchments.

8. Draft North Coast Regional Water Strategy options

Which five (5) options do you think are most important?:

1 Long term water plans. 2 Healthy water for the fish

Please comment on why you think these options are most important? :

Decisions we make now have effect in decades to come. Eg Rezoning wetlands [Rural] to residential Zoning in Yamba about 20 years ago is turning out to be a disaster waiting to happen today. Healthy water for the fish and the extensive ecosystem it supports is the heart and soul of the Valley and residents.

Which five (5) options do you think are least important? (If any):

1.Characterising ground water resources. 2 Indirect potable re use of purified recycled water.

Please comment on why you think these options are least important? :

Both these options take the focus away from keeping a clean healthy river system.

Do you have any comments on the draft options?:

9. Option combinations

Do you have any thoughts on how the options could be combined with other options?:

Are there additional options that we should consider?:

How are these options linked to other regional water strategies? Regions west of the mountains have a lack of water and there is always strategies for diverting water from east coast systems to west of the tablelands.This is an option that should never be considered.

10. Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the North Coast Regional Water Strategy?: It appears to be a well meaning document . The North Coast is renowned for its pristine waters and national parks and the management of these assets will determine the regions future. The less tampering there is to these assets the better the outcome. That is there is a need to preserve at all costs what hasn't already been damaged.

11. Referral

How did you hear about the public exhibition of this strategy?: Communication

12. Additional information

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