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**To:** DPIE W Regional Water Strategies Mailbox  
**Subject:** Dunoon Dam

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a submission to The Far North Coast Water Strategy re Dunoon Dam.

I was born in Lismore Base Hospital and grew up living on The Channon Road overlooking the valley that could be inundated with water should the proposal for the Dunoon Dam be acted upon. I have continued to live in or near Lismore for most of my life. A favourite childhood pastime of mine was to walk across the paddock in front of our house, enter the rainforest that surrounded Rocky Creek and follow the creek up or down stream.

Areas of native habitat have become a rarity in this area as they have across our planet. The benefits to people which include increased water quality, preservation of biodiversity, capture and storage of carbon and the release of oxygen have become less available to us as we madly continue to overpopulate our planet.

The building of dams is an outdated strategy that creates more harm than good. It is part of a strategy that maintains the only way of developing our planet is to continually convert native habitat to farmland and farmland to housing. It comes at a time when key imminent threats to the existence of life on earth include loss of biodiversity and climate change. You will be aware that the United Nations has just issued a statement that urges all countries to declare a climate emergency.

It appears that Rous County Council has been hasty to choose the large dam without sufficient investigation into other strategies that have been found to be successful such as purifying recycled water or desalination.

The Dunoon Dam is a deeply unpopular proposal. 91% of recent written and online submissions to the Rous County Council opposed the Dunoon Dam.

I urge you to omit the Dunoon Dam from the options in the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy.

Regards

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I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. I pay respect to Elders past, present and all Aboriginal people in our community."