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Subject: Proposed Dunoon Dam

Good morning,

[REDACTED] here, I am 19 and I grew up in the lovely Channon Village, I currently live in Lismore and I am writing this today to address the proposed Dunoon Dam.

The far North Coast Regional Water Strategies is a great inspiration for a more water conscious population. Understanding climate change and working to create a water resilient system, is exactly what our community needs in order to sustain a future of abundance and water security in the face of climate change.

The strategy for my local area must not rely on Rous's Future Water Plan 2060 project as it depends heavily on the Building of the Dunoon Dam, which should not be included in the plan at all.

Rouse and Lismore City Council provided the Department of Primary Industries and Environment with an appraisal that was not accurate. The Dunoon Dam is controversial and generally regarded as destructive and unnecessary as a pose to a range of other options and a smarter water plan, which has been resisted by the RCC.

The Water association of Australia advises that a Dam is risky as it is a rainfall dependent option, professor Stuart Khan says that in order to have a resilient water system you need 30-50% of water supply that is not dependent on rainfall. Rouse Future Water Plan 2060 does not outline the importance of water resilience and they only seriously investigated groundwater and the Dunoon Dam.

Rouse water has shown a lack of knowledge and interest in the smarter, cheaper, more sustainable water options such as roof and stormwater harvesting and water sources that don't rely on rain such as recycled water, purified water and desalination. Rous's hurried and blinkered approach to our water systems has left our region with an outdated and stunted water plan. This lack of leadership calls for the DPIE to help our region in our need for a secure water plan, the first step is to put a pause on this Dam and consider the alternatives.

The destruction of Aboriginal heritage sites and our most iconic and rare Australian plants and animals cannot be ignored. Did you know that the Platypus is not listed as an endangered species? This most unusual animal is decreasing in population at an alarming rate due to the dams and weirs that are built. The Dunoon Dam would destroy 267 hectares of wonderful biodiverse rainforest that is home to Koalas, Platypus and many endangered plants.

These are the places the need to remain untouched, for the survival of our forests, and our wildlife. We only have 1% of our big scrub rainforest left and this section of rainforest proposed to be flooded represents 5% of that 1%. we can save the animals, the cultural heritage and the rainforest with some simple changes to the way we use water.

I want a diverse, smart water system that will last for generations.
thank you

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