

Please don't approve the building of a new dam on Rocky Creek at The Channon.

I believe that to build this dam would be to compromise biodiversity and destroy sites of cultural significance.

If the dam allows further development of the ridges around Lismore pressure will be greater on important koala and other wildlife corridors. I think that any further development in forested areas should be low-impact and self-sufficient with stand alone power and water provision.

If the plan is to sell water to develop the Gold Coast hinterland the same issues apply.

Selling our cultural and natural heritage to facilitate development is very short-sighted.

The site of the proposed dam is home to a unique remnant of the "Big Scrub". Landcare groups and individuals are working hard to rehabilitate and revegetate degraded farm land, reconnect wildlife corridors and restore healthy riparian zones. Grant money from all levels of government has and is being spent to this end. Establishment of this dam would have consequences which are opposite to the goals of such endeavours.

Please support those who are taking up the challenge of environmental repair with government encouragement and assistance by not approving this dam which is anathema to those who value this area's natural qualities