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**Subject:** SUBMISSION -Far North Coast Water Strategy.

My name is [REDACTED] I have been along term resident of the Far North Coast for over thirty years I am also a gardener and Permaculture teacher In that time I have seen many floods and droughts.

I want to acknowledge the good work done by the DPIE in putting this wide ranging strategy together.

I am writing this as I am deeply concerned about the the Rous County Council's proposal of making a dam at Dunoon. This part of Australia has some unique forests one being part of the ancient Big Scrub flora. The lost of habitat for platypus koalas and other fauna. However I am disturbed that in this century where the climate is changing at an alarming rate that a dam was proposed. There have been many reports and examples in Australia , Warnambol for one, that dams are not the most viable means of catching and retaining water. In this age of uncertain rain as last year taught us about drought and fires I suggest that this area through our various councils try a different strategy for harvesting our water as we get a huge amount now and again it seems a better idea for every citizen to have water tanks and be subsidized even in ground tanks at the time of building new houses. Surely our storm water could be collected and and recycled . I know that the \$200 m spent on the proposed dam could be well spent in water harvesting in a myriad of ways.

I am requesting that the Dunoon dam proposal by RCC be scrapped and that intelligent alternative ways be investigated and a more up to date water harvesting.  
yours in sincerity [REDACTED]