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**Subject:** Submission regarding the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy

My name is [REDACTED] I am a citizen of Australia for about fifty years. I am University educated, have been working in various companies for about 30 years. I have also been involved in Environmental issues for just as long. I am non party political and believe that we have a responsibility to protect the natural resources of the planet for generations to come.

I wish to thank the current government for giving us all an opportunity to have a say in the DPPIE water management plan which overall seems to be taking into account the hard task of Water Management. It's a wide-ranging strategy that seeks to address reliable water supply into the future.

However this plan must not include the failed strategy of extensive dams that drown huge areas of the state putting fauna and flora already under tremendous pressure from human activity face to face with extinction. I must remind you that Australia has the worst records on extinction of both plants and animals.

Further the prospect of a hotter planet due to CLIMATE CHANGE will leave an open dam to evaporation and silting and of course other issues such as cracks and earth movements and also the scary thought of terrorism. All this can add to the uncertainty of open dams.

Below is a list of issues that I am convinced will add to sway opinions about the Dunoon Dam.

- Rous and Lismore Council failed to provide the Department of Primary Industries and Environment with an accurate appraisal of Dunoon Dam. The dam is highly controversial, and resisted. There is widespread concern about the destructiveness of Dunoon Dam and also the failure of RCC to plan for water resilience using modern technologies.

- 91% of 1290 written and online submissions to RCC opposed the dam option. Over 300 of the written submissions are identified as individual and not pro-forma submissions, demonstrating a high level of engagement. Exhibition ran for 2 months "with strong promotion" (VAXA, FWP2060 Outcomes from Public Exhibition - 2020, 2020) .

- Social rejection demonstrates the dam option fails the "triple bottom line" test [economic/environmental/social]. A broad suite of other effective options were preferred by respondents.

I hope and trust that the decisions makers will take the concerns tabled above into account and turn to more modern and acceptable practices of water security instead of choosing the failed method, the one of huge dams, which have caused and is causing massive headaches for governments everywhere.

Respectfully yours

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