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Subject: Submission for the Draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy

To whom it may concern

I wish to submit the following regarding the Dunoon Dam proposal:

As a long-term resident of the Lismore area, and having lived in The Channon village for an earlier part of that time, I am extremely concerned at this proposal to further dam Rocky Creek. Whilst I can appreciate the work done by DPIE on the Far North Coast Water Strategy, I find the dam proposal is lacking in many, many ways.

I have read extensively on both sides of this situation, both for the dam and against and have come to the following: In the area to be flooded, there is much of great importance to be lost environmentally and culturally and it appears that these losses have not been given the importance they deserve. In this time of climate change, damming this area is basically backward thinking. There is so much to lose and the gains are at best, doubtful. Rainfall in this time of climate change cannot be relied upon. Technology is constantly progressing and the attitude that damming water is the best way to deal with the potential future lack of available water for this fast-growing regional area is nonsensical. There are so many more forward-thinking 'smart' options, as outlined in the many documents and papers available, most notably by Professor Stuart White, among others. As I am a lay-person, reading all I could on this situation has been challenging but the 'smart' options are clearly outlined and deeply researched.

This project does not have the support of the community. More examination of the more forward thinking ideas and current available information on smarter ways to capture water needs to be done and considered on the table alongside the dam proposal. This is the very least we should expect, rather than simply being told what Rous has decided to do. This is not the way to treat a community, especially when the project is so controversial.

I have nothing to gain from the view that I have, as I will not be adversely affected by the dam, not living within the area proposed to be flooded or in the village nearby, but I can see that this proposal has not been dealt with in the manner most fitting for a project of this size and impact.

Thank you,

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