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Subject: Submission regarding far North Coast Water Strategy

Good afternoon,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live in Sydney, New South Wales although I travel a lot around the state. I have been interested in sustainability issues for a long time and like keep up to date with various changes and developments across NSW.

I am writing today about the Far North Coast Water Strategy. Well done to the DPIE for developing this! We definitely all need to think about water needs for now and the coming times.

However, the Strategy should not rely on Rous's FutureWater 2060 project due it's failure to incorporate principles of contemporary water management such as system-wide water efficiency. Also that plan hinges on the contentious Dunoon Dam, which can no longer be considered an option in a warming climate. We need to build resilient water systems, not rely on rainfall that isn't coming. Not to mention the pressure that this dam would put on already threatened species, including our precious platypus, native, fish, and koalas. Once they're gone, we can't get them back. They need somewhere to live just like we do.

And as for Aboriginal heritage, no one wants another Juukan gorge. You can't say you haven't been told.

So what we need is: no dam, system wide thinking and planning, and best practice for our dry country. I very much hope you consider these points, and take the time to listen to the experts. It's time we broke away from old fashioned and ill informed ways of thinking about water, when we now have access to so much more evidence based information and data. I strongly encourage you to consider my points not just for our future but for the future of many fellow species.

Thank you for reading, let's keep working on this and let's use all the data and listen to the experts, a lot depends on it. Let's keep Armageddon at bay and aim for a sustainable future instead.

Yours sincerely,

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