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**Subject:** Draft North Coast Regional Water Supply Strategy

To Whom it May Concern,

I write this email to express my concern about the proposal to construct a new dam in the Dunoon Gorge. I am opposed to this proposal,

I am opposed to the proposal on a number of grounds:

- (i) The dam will destroy an important stand of sub-tropical rainforest and subsequently have a significant impact on a number of plant and animal species, some of which are categorised as threatened fauna. Given the very small fraction of ST rainforest remaining in the Northern Rivers Region, I will oppose any development that destroys or substantially impacts this precious ecosystem.
- (ii) The proposed dam will impact negatively on Indigenous lands and values attached to those lands.
- (iii) There are a number of other options that could address future water security in the region including practical strategies to reduce consumption; harvesting of rainwater from roof tops in both domestic and industrial/commercial contexts; reducing water wastage; and use of recycled water for potable water.

I fully acknowledge that the region is likely to be impacted substantially into the future by climate change and that strategies must be put in place now and the near future in order to achieve water security. But I think a dam is not the best solution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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