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To whom it may concern,

While I applaud the bulk of the work done by DPIE in developing the Far North Coast Water Strategy I have significant concerns about the Strategies reliance on the Rous's Future Water 2060 project and specifically the development of the Dunoon Dam.

In Australia, the vast majority of domestic water use comes from a relatively pristine water source which is treated, briefly used in the home, retreated and then discarded. We treat it like an infinite resource with very little worth or value.

In both major metropolitan and agricultural settings around the world, people, government and communities have now moved away from this model and have implemented simple, proven, cost- effective and intelligent ways of collecting, treating, re-using and reducing water use. We can do the same without building the proposed Dunoon Dam that would destroy the precious Channon Valley.

The proposed dam site is part of the 1% of the Big Scrub that is left in the region. It is a site of immense ecological significance and novel habitat to flora and fauna species that are only found there. To flood this area in order to support antiquated, ineffective and expensive water infrastructure would be tragic when so many solutions exist that can be easily implement at a fraction of the cost.

Meeting the regions water needs does represent an opportunity for our community. This does not mean blindly stumbling down old paths simply because that is what we have always done, but an opportunity to lead the way towards effective and sustainable long-term water use that can be modelled elsewhere.

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