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Hi

I would like you to consider other strategies than another dam in the area you have chosen.

We live close to Rocky Creek Dam and have observed that the creek that runs out of the dam down the valley is often low in the dry periods when water is needed. How will the next dam be able to collect sufficient water to help farmers and miners in dry periods? Will we see a dam half full that has destroyed viable land that is habitat for native animals and plants?

I imagine your hydrologists have examined all of this but I cannot see the point in destroying Aboriginal sites, rare native tree stands and viable farming land for a dam that may have trouble being filled.

Why not consider other means of supplying water? We have just put in a tank to assist us in our water supply. It has meant using filters to stop the poisons engendered by our neighbouring Macadamia farm.

However we feel strongly that collecting and utilising our own water storage is preferable to destroying viable land.

If everybody took charge of at least supplying some of their own water needs, we would not need a new dam.

Our neighbours have left as they felt they were not making enough money out of their Macadamias. This was after Rous Water assisted them in moving their water meter, and the previous owners actions to the remove a native remnant of rainforest trees and the removal of large quantities of rocks that caused wash off. The removal of the remnant did not assist the growing of more Macadamias and were simply replaced by Camphor Laurel trees.

Is this new dam there to allow more experimentation by inexperienced would be farmers who will suck up the water or is it intended to encourage mining for gas or diamonds, industries that use up enormous amounts of water and further pollute the landscape, so no one can live here?

Thank you

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