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Subject: Your submission for Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy

1. Information on confidentiality and privacy

I give my permission for my submission to be publicly available on the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website.: Yes

I would like my personal details to be kept confidential.: Yes

2. Your details

Email address: [REDACTED]

Name: [REDACTED]

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Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Do you identify as an Aboriginal person?: No

Are you an individual or representing an organisation?: Individual

3. Organisation or business details

Who do you represent?: Other

If you selected Government, please clarify.:

If you selected Peak representative organisation, please clarify.:

4. Draft Regional Water Strategy objectives and vision

Do you support this vision for the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy? : No

If no, please outline your vision for the long term management of water resources in this region?: I believe that the vision needs to address a broader, longer term vision of water security. The current document defines water security based on a centralised model, rather than accounting for decentralised sources at the outset. In the 142 page North Coast strategy document, the word 'rainwater', the source of our water, is mentioned three times. Despite being in a high rainfall area, the decentralised, local use of water tanks is not considered in the list of options.

5. Information and modelling used to develop the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy

Do you have any comments about the information used to develop this strategy?: The definition of water security could be re-addressed.

Please provide details if there is additional information you think we should consider?: Please see my earlier comment.

6. Stochastic modelling method

Do you have any comments about the modelling method used to develop this strategy?:

Is there any additional information that you believe could help us assess the benefits and disadvantages of draft options?:

7. Opportunities and challenges for water management in the Far North Coast region

Do you have any comments on the opportunities, risks and challenges identified?:

Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that we should consider and what options could address these?:

8. Draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy options

Which five (5) options do you think are most important?: 1. Increased on-farm water storage 2. Improve stormwater management 3. Planning for climate change impacts on coastal groundwater resources

Please comment on why you think these options are most important? : Decreased reliance on centralised water systems, particularly with the impacts of climate change and more variable rainfall.

Which five (5) options do you think are least important? (If any):

Please comment on why you think these options are least important? :

Do you have any comments on the draft options?: Decentralised water security options such as mandated rainwater tanks and other measures to keep the rainwater where it falls are not mentioned.

9. Option combinations

Do you have any thoughts on how the options could be combined with other options?:

Are there additional options that we should consider?: Yes, as mentioned before, decentralised, sustainable options.

10. Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy?:

11. Referral

How did you hear about the public exhibition of this strategy?: Other