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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.: No

2. Your details

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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?:
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?: Affordability. The least cost option only as a default policy is incorrect. More costly options can be afforded in principle.

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?:
Please provide details if there is additional information you think we should consider?: This might be the wrong place, but where are changing demographics considered?

6. Stochastic modelling method

Do you have any comments about the modelling method used to develop this strategy?: They have a long history and use, but I have been to Monte Carlo and gambled not 1 euro.

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?: This looks good as long as the environmental aspects really are prioritised. Is Toonumbar dam the only dam to be examined? It may be the worst case but all dams could be improved.

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?: 6. Remove impediments of water use reuse projects 7. Indirect potable reuse of purified recycled water 18. A grid of off-stream water storages in the Far North Coast Region 20. Establish sustainable extraction limits for Far North Coast surface water and groundwater sources 23. Improve stormwater management

Please comment on why you think these options are most important? : The main challenges come not from climate change but the huge population increases expected. Reusing water and collecting stormwater appear to be the best way to meet the challenges. No new subdivision should proceed without implementing these measures and old one might be upgraded especially stormwater. I believe that these measures would cover 80% of the challenges.

Which five (5) options do you think are least important? (If any): 10. Decentralise desalination 11. Regional desalination

Please comment on why you think these options are least important? : Desalination is expensive both with money and environment. A last resort.

Do you have any comments on the draft options?: Population growth should be limited by the water availability. If extra population means expensive (money and environment) options then the cost/ benefit suggests limiting growth.

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?: Limit population growth.

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?: Social media , Other