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Hi my name is [REDACTED] and I am an Early Childhood Teacher from Clunes. I have also lived in the beautiful Northern Rivers area since I was a child and this place is very special to me and my children who call this area home.

I appreciate the work done so far by the DPIE in ensuring we have a sustainable future through the development of the Far North Coast Water Strategy. BUT I strongly believe that a dam at Dunoon should not be an option. Dams have a devastating impact on the local environment and ecology and would be incredibly destructive. It would have an impact on the amount of big scrub rainforest we have as well as destroying Aboriginal Heritage. It would also have an impact and endanger koalas, after the bushfires how could we continue to force them into extinction?? I'm sure many other creatures would also be impacted.

We have a choice now which impacts not only ourselves but future generations. Can we really let this dam destroy the very things we take for granted. Will my grandchildren grow up in a world without koalas, rainforests and history which goes back thousands of years?

I believe we can do better, and removing the dam as an option is just one step towards a future we can all be proud to achieve.

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