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Dear DPIE

1) The Byron Environment Centre (BEC) strongly supports a regional water strategy based on benign or improved impacts on the regional natural environment.

2) We support proactive measures of reuse, and progressive water BASIX Criteria for new development, including:

- residential water tanks,
- retro fitting existing household and commercial properties with water efficiency infrastructure,
- public water efficiency campaigns,
- retro fitting existing residential and commercial properties with recycling and reuse of grey water infrastructure requiring new developments to have water tanks, and water efficiency demand management, recycling, and reuse infrastructure
- Councils constructing and expanding sewerage reclaimed water infrastructure for the low quality water use in public toilets and on council reserves
- Consideration of introducing high quality sewerage reclaimed water into the Rous Water potable water supply
- Green energy powered desalination

3) We support the Strategy strongly relying on the recommendations on water efficiency contained in the NSW Productivity Commission Green

Paper. (NSW Treasury, Productivity Commission Green Paper: continuing the productivity conversation, 2020).

4) The BEC does not support a Strategy which includes the construction of a new Dunoon Dam.

a) A dam is subject to a fluctuation of supply, and on providing environmental flows. We will see further periods of increased intensity of droughts and significant variations of rainfall patterns due to carbon pollution progressing further global heating.

b) A dam has significant unavoidable land and river environmental impacts, which are avoided by other options.

5) The Dunoon Dam site option raised by local water supply ROUS Council also contains known Aboriginal cultural heritage and sacred sites.

Yours

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Convenor Byron Environment Centre