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Subject: SUBMISSION RE DUNOON PROPOSED DAMCHANNON VALLEY

Dear Sir/ Madam, I am a local resident and oppose the proposed dam at the Channon Valley. I have spent weeks reading both supportive & those objecting to this proposal. This proposal has been rejected by many academics/ environmentalists/ ecologists /water experts etc This proposal will not only destroy critical Koala habitat & the habitat of many other threatened & endangered species , but it will cost a fortune. There are many other proposals in terms of saving water/re cycling initiatives etc that have been presented to you. Ballina Council in fact with a large & growing population have used progressive & high tech measures to resolve their water use problems. The Channon and surrounding areas was hard fought for many decades ago(in terms of protection) & we can not see this magnificent region destroyed...we JUST CAN NOT. In the 21st Century we have to do BETTER than this and use a range of diverse & sustainable long term solutions. I am told that some 90% of people so far have objected to this proposed dam ? We can not permit the destruction of rare & diminishing high conservation areas. Additionally, Indigenous locals have fiercely opposed this dam site & naturally THEY should be listened to. This area is specifically special to them and sacred. We have to find viable, non lethal, benign solutions to our ongoing dilemmas...after all WE have created these 'dilemmas'. My family & I strongly oppose this dam...it is ancient and unenlightened thinking. Lets DO BETTER>>>>

1. Destruction of Big Scrub Rainforest and its threatened species
 - o ? There are 62 ha of Lowland Rainforest Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) on the site. Only 1% of the Big Scrub Rainforest remains. This rainforest is of global significance. o ? The Channon Gorge contains warm-temperate rainforest on sandstone, a rare occurrence. The dam wall construction would destroy 92% of it..
 - o ? Nine threatened flora species would be severely impacted by Dunoon Dam. (2013 Terrestrial Ecology Impact Assessment Report). The destruction of these plants and an increase in the threats against them is a very serious matter with international scientific consequences.
 - o ? 17 fauna species have been identified that are listed as threatened under the TSC Act NSW (the koala, one fruit bat, six microbats and eight birds and one frog).
Extinction pressure on koalas
 - o ? North Coast koalas were under extinction pressure even before 70% of our regional koala population was killed in the 2019 summer fires
 - o ? The 2011 Terrestrial Ecology Impact Assessment (TEIA), identified 72 ha of Tallowood and Flooded Gum koala habitat.

Yours sincerely

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