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My name is [REDACTED] and I am a pecan farmer at Eltham, my property is bordered by the Wilson River on 3 sides. I have created a koala habitat on my farm, and recognise the importance of planting trees in this climate crisis we are now experiencing.

I have been keenly following Rous County Council's plans to construct a Channon-Dunoon dam and lodged an objection to this on 1st September.

I would like to commend DPIE on its Draft Regional Water Strategy and your need to address reliable water supply into the future. At the same time I would like to stress that the strategy must not rely too much on Rous's Future Water 2060 project, especially because that plan hinges on the contentious Channon-Dunoon Dam, and that the Channon-Dunoon dam should no longer be an option in the strategy.

The reasons I object to the Channon-Dunoon Dam is that -

- (i) it is an old quick fix idea which has not considered that now we are in climate crisis;
- (ii) we have lost an incredible number of fauna species in Australia already, and the proposed Dunoon area is home to a colony of koala, platypus, local native fish etc.
- (iii) There are sacred sites in the proposed area which should be respected and protected.
- (iv) We should be planting more trees, not flooding them to oblivion.

There are alternatives to building a dam and flooding 267 hectares of rainforest, eucalypt forest and farmland between The Channon and Dunoon, an area of astounding biodiversity. I urge DPIE to focus on the many alternatives to a Dam.

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