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Hello.

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a mother of 4 children, teacher and musician and I live in Terania Creek in the Northern Rivers. I ask that we do not go ahead with the Dunoon Dam.

I acknowledge the work done so far by DPIE in developing the Far North Coast Water Strategy. I believe the Strategy must not rely too much on Rous's Future Water 2060 project, especially because that plan hinges on the contentious Dunoon Dam, and that the Dunoon dam should no longer be an option in the strategy, for many reasons, including the following.

There is widespread community concern regarding the destructiveness of the Dunoon/Channon dam including destruction of vital habitat and significant indigenous sites. Extinction pressure would be placed on Koalas, platypus and native fish. 91% of 1290 written and online submissions to RCC opposed the dam option. A broad suite of other effective options were preferred by respondents.

The Dunoon Dam relies on rainfall and in a climate-changing world we need water systems from a range of sources, some not reliant on potentially unreliable rainfall. Rous Future Water 2060 fails to mention system resilience as important, and seriously examined only groundwater and Dunoon Dam.

All options need to be given serious attention including water efficiency, roof and stormwater harvesting (including tanks), and water sources that don't need rain such as purified recycled water and desalination.

As Sydney did early in the 2000's, we need to look at system-wide efficiencies rather than a destructive dam in Dunoon.

Yours Sincerely,

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