I am 63 years of age and live in Lismore, Northern NSW, not far from the proposed site of the Dunoon
Dam.
I am a journalist and specialist medical magazine editor and have a deep interest in ecology and conservation. I appreciate the work that has gone into developing a long-term Regional Water Strategy and that the NSW Government is attempting to find out the best ways to manage the challenges of the far North Coast area. Like everyone, I want this region to remain highly liveable and healthy for both humans and animals.
I want to say that I believe that the Strategy should NOT rely too much on Rous's Future Water 2060 Project, especially because that strategy hinges on the controversial Dunoon Dam. I strongly believe that the Dunoon Dam should no longer be an option included in the strategy. I am extremely concerned about the proposal by Rous Water to build a dam at Dunoon for many reasons, but I will outline the main ones in this email to you.
While there is widespread community opposition to the dam proposal, I believe Rous Water has not been transparent with either the Department of Primary Industry and the Environment and the NSW
Government. In particular it failed to provide the DPIE with an accurate appraisal of Dunoon Dam and the destruction it would wreak on the landscape and on animal habitat.
To sum up:

THE DESTRUCTION OF ABORIGINAL HERITAGE BY DUNOON DAM IS UNACCEPTABLE.
THE ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF THE DAM ARE UNACCEPTABLE.
THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR BIG SCRUB RAINFOREST AND ITS THREATENED SPECIES MAKE
THE DAM UNACCEPTABLE.
THE EXTINCTION PRESSURE ON KOALAS, NATIVE FISH AND PLATyPUSES IS PREPOSTEROUS. I strongly urge the government to reject the Dunoon Dam proposal and get Rous Water to go back to the drawing board and consult with experts and the community about alternative ways to use water in our region in a sustainable and environmentally friendly fashion.
The community will not forget the destruction wrought in the next election if the Dam is allowed to proceed.
Sincerely
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