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Subject: Your submission for the draft NSW Water Strategy
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Your details

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Do you identify as an Aboriginal person?: No

Are you an individual or representing an organisation?: Individual

Organisation or business details

Who do you represent?: Other

If you selected Government, please specify:

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If you selected

other, please specify: Concerned member of the public

Draft vision–questions

Which aspects of water management are most important to you and your local community?:

I would like to see the Dunoon Dam built.

Do you support the proposed vision for the draft NSW Water Strategy?:

No

Please tell us more about your response.:

The building of the Dunoon Dam has been in Rous Water's plan for at least 20 years. All the land necessary for it has already been purchased many years ago. This area of the Northern Rivers (Lismore, Ballina, Byron Bay, Lennox Head, Alstoneville) is expanding and is expected to continue to expand, creating an ongoing demand for drinking water. A recent Rous Water study recommended a commitment to building the dam now. However, because of local political interference in the process, Rous Water has decided to shelve the project for ever. What is worse is that Rous Water have decided to sell the family silver by disposing of the land. I feel this is a short sighted policy that should be considered by the State and Federal Governments.

Draft objectives–questions

Which objectives are most important to you?:

Numbers 5, 6, 2, 1, 3 and 4, in that order

Do you have any comments on any of the proposed objectives?:

The public need a clean, safe, uninterrupted supply of water. It is a human right sought by peoples all over the world. In this wet part of New South Wales it is heartbreaking to see all this rain going to waste.

Draft guiding principles–questions

Which principles are most important to you?:

Numbers 1, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 7 in that order

Do you have any comments on any of the guiding principles?:

Regarding number 7, all peoples should have access to water.

Opportunities, challenges and actions for improved state-wide water management

Do you have any comments

on the seven strategic priorities identified?:

The general public should be prioritised over any individual groups

Do you have any comments on any of the proposed actions identified?:

The emphasis should be to increase resilience to changes in water availability, number 4 and then numbers 6 and 7. Let's do something for our children's future. Rous Water's alternative to a dam is to use and abuse our aquifer, not improve it (number 3).

Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that should be considered in the draft strategy?:

Communities are going to run out of water. There will be higher prices for a poorer service and water blackouts (as with electricity) if we don't do something now to protect supply.

What actions should be prioritised for immediate implementation and how should they be implemented?:

Build the Dunoon Dam now.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments on the draft NSW Water Strategy?:

Referral

How did you hear about the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft NSW Water Strategy?:

Newspaper

If other, please specify: