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From: Gio Cervella

Re: Diversion of Waters of the Clarence River **NSW**

To: The Secretary
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Please accept this as our Submission requesting that there be no diversion of waters of the Clarence River.

Apart from our environmental concerns the river flow reductions would cause increased silting and decreased navigational depth restrictions which would have devastating operational and commercial ramifications for the Shipping, Ship Repair and Ship Building operations through the Port of Yamba. This could cause the loss of many hundreds of permanent and casual jobs both directly and indirectly.

We have invested many Millions of dollars upgrading our site and increasing our employment numbers to cater for larger vessels both for repair and construction. We have approximately 50 employees at present and the number is growing as the business expands.

One of our Directors has recently had discussions with Rear Admiral Ruting of the Defence Material Organisation in Canberra and Cmdr Ian Hill in Sydney who have shown interest in our facility as a possible Strategic Facility for the support of the Royal Australian Navy vessels.

The Harwood Slipway presently regularly maintains the International trading vessel MV Norfolk Guardian every five weeks and would no doubt lose this business should the vessel be unable to trade in the Port of Yamba due to Draft restrictions should the river flow be reduced.

Yours faithfully,
G. Cervella (Manager)



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