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Date: Wednesday, 30 May 2007

Re: Diversion of Waters of the Clarence River NSW

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

From: Ross Roberts

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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 operations through the Port of Yamba. This could cause the loss of many hundreds of permanent and casual jobs both directly and indirectly.

The Norfolk Guardian owned by Norfolk Shipping Pty Ltd has been trading out of the Port of Yamba Since July 2001 and Services Norfolk Island and New Zealand. The vessel's fully loaded draft at 5.2 meters is at the limit of the Rivers Navigatable depth and any further draft reduction due to silting would exclude the vessel from using this Port due to Safety issues.

Thankyou,

Yours faithfully R.A. Roberts (Agent)

For and on behalf Norfolk Shipping Pty Ltd€