

To Whom It May Concern

I represent Yamba Shipping one of the main shipping agents and stevedores in the Port of Yamba on the Clarence River.

Because of poor flows in the Clarence River over the last 10 years the depth of the shipping channels is as bad as it has ever been. The restrictions and delays to shipping movements because of increasing problems with depth has reached the point where some clients have stopped using the Port.

If any water is taken from the upper reaches of the Clarence catchment it will have a deleterious effect on the lower reaches and therefore increasing the rate of siltation. It will therefore reduce shipping even further and make the port untenable.

NSW Waterways are considering dredging in the near to medium future just to ease the situation and to maintain employment in the port. To what ends I ask if the flows are affected by taking water from the top end.

We at Yamba Shipping are strongly against any diversions or storage systems which affect the flow of this magnificent river.

We believe lessons should be learnt from the environmental nightmare caused by previous interference by well-meaning governments and the engineering fraternity in rivers such as the Snowy and the Murray-Darling. We all know that these things can be carried out very easily by throwing money and so-called good ideas at them all in the name of progress.

In this case kindly leave the Clarence alone.

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