

The Secretary
Senate Committee

Tweed CAN (Tweed Climate Action Now) is opposed to the construction of any new regional water storage facilities and associated distribution systems. It is considered by our group that such infrastructure would be extremely detrimental to the social, environmental and economic prosperity of the region, with a ripple effect being felt throughout the country. Not only is the region internationally recognised as supporting more species of birds, fish amphibians, and mammals than Kakadu, but the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the construction and ongoing operation of any regional water storage facility and distribution system are sure to exacerbate the likely impacts of climate change.

We believe it is far more appropriate for the elected representatives and engineers of our nation to support decentralised residential water storage (e.g. water tanks), residential demand management and industrial/agricultural water reuse systems before any considerations are given to the construction of new dams in regions that rely on the natural environment for their social and economic prosperity.

Yours sincerely

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