

I am strongly opposed to the proposed dam at Rocky Cutting on the Oxley River in the Tweed Shire for the following reasons:

The water levels in the Oxley River are at a dangerous low, and the water is toxic;

The cost of this dam would be unacceptably high for virtually no gain;

It would flood vital farming and food producing land, which will be a rare commodity for future generations who will have to acquire their food closer to home. Transporting food hundreds of klms is unsustainable with the current global warming;

The Oxley area has been inscribed in the World Heritage list as equal to Kakadu National Park for its biodiversity and unique landform structures;

The Oxley is a natural wildlife corridor between 2 significant National Parks, and as well, we would lose at least 5 rare and endangered flora, and rare wildlife;

It would mean the drowning of the Historic village of Tyalgum, and the acquisition of several hundred homes and farms.

I urge you to abandon this insane proposal.

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