

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please print and forward this email to the appropriate departments regarding comments on the proposed Oxley and Tweed River Dams.

The proposal for dams at the Tweed and Oxley Rivers should be abandoned. The area is too rich in bio-diversity and Australian Heritage to compromise. Dams are one of the single most damaging to the environment and the historic village of Tyalgum is at risk. Other alternatives such as living within an areas ability to support us (prevent over development), tank water, grey water use for watering, planting more trees can all help to solve the water problem. The dams will encourage more development which will end up with the same net result as we are in right now. Too many people to be supported by the additional dams. Encouraging growth now is great for the economy but could leave us environmentally bankrupt in the near future and back to the same situation we are in right now.

I look at all the sub-divisions and industrial parks springing up like weeds, crammed together without vegetation and have a déjà vu of what happened in the Cayman Islands. They took out most of the mangroves and trees for large developments and within a decade the weather pattern changed for the island. Less rain and less water. Encouraging ratepayers and land owners to plant trees could make a huge difference for encouraging rain and supporting wildlife. The water going down the storm drains could be cleaned up and utilised by industry and any other use where grey water is appropriate.

Thank you for listening to my comments and concerns.

Kind regards,

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