

Mr Malcom Turnbull,
Parliament House
Canberra.

Dear Mr Turnbull,

I am opposed to the Tyalgum Dam in the Tweed Shire for the following reasons:-

First. Dams silt up, so they are not a permanent solution to water problems.

Second. Why should the flora and fauna of the Tweed Shire be sacrificed to cater for the needs of the people in the Gold Coast where the flora and fauna are not valued? Yesterday I went for a walk in the Elanora Wetlands was was SHOCKED to see the infestations of weeds in this very small area left after suburban development. Are you trying to impose a Gold Coast standard of environmental management on the Tweed Shire?

Third. An expansion of the point above. There are some rare trees in the area that would be flooded.

Fourth. A dam in the location of Rocky Cutting would have enormous impact on the people living in the area, devastating the village of Tyalgum.

Fifth. The folk who would be able to continue living in the Tyalgum area post-dam would have their route to town blocked, it would be an inconvenience to them to have a much longer journey to Murwillumbah. And those journeys would now be more frequent, having lost the services such as school, post office, shop that are presently available in Tyalgum village. A detriment to the quality of their lives.

Sixth. Other options should be considered - water saving for example. What about taxing spa baths and swimming pools?

Yours sincerely

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