

**INQUIRY INTO RATIONALE FOR, AND IMPACTS OF,  
NEW DAMS AND OTHER WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN  
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There are many reasons why building a new Dungowan Dam should not go ahead.

1 - The business case has not been completed, but there are plans to start building the dam before it is completed. Why would that be allowed? We need a cost benefit analysis including alternatives for water security before work starts. This is Economics 101.

2 - It is expensive, there are far better ways to have more water. Water efficiency, tanks, recycled water, etc.

3 - Dams change water distribution all the way to the sea. This causes environmental problems. Look at the problems in the Murray Darling system. These problems will be exacerbated.

4 - I understand the existing Dungowan Dam is able to be used for a hydro system.

5 - It appears our council hasn't been fully consulted.

6 - It appears that our local irrigators haven't been consulted and don't know if they will have access to water from the new dam, and if they do, they don't know the cost.

7 - There has been little consultation with First Nations people.

8 - Use the money to subsidise or give tanks to all water users, recycle water, subsidise water efficient appliances, these are easy and effective and cheaper options