



New South Wales

# Water NSW Amendment (Warragamba Dam) Bill 2026

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Water NSW Act 2014*—

- (a) to repeal the provisions for reduced requirements under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* for the temporary inundation of national park land from the Warragamba Dam project, and
- (b) to authorise Water NSW to operate Warragamba Dam for the purposes of facilitating flood mitigation downstream of the dam.

## Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

## Schedule 1 Amendment of Water NSW Act 2014 No 74

**Schedule 1[1]** repeals Part 5A, which makes special provision for the temporary inundation of national park land resulting from development approved under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to raise the wall of Warragamba Dam, and to operate the dam, for downstream flood mitigation.

**Schedule 1[2]** inserts proposed section 116 to provide that, despite any term or condition of an operating licence, Water NSW is authorised to operate Warragamba Dam for the purposes of facilitating flood mitigation downstream of the dam.



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*This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.*

*Legislative Assembly*

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly*



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## **Water NSW Amendment (Warragamba Dam) Bill 2026**

No           , 2026

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### **A Bill for**

An Act to amend the *Water NSW Act 2014* to repeal provisions relating to Warragamba Dam that allow for the temporary inundation of national park land resulting from raising the dam wall; to authorise Water NSW to operate Warragamba Dam to facilitate downstream flood mitigation; and for related purposes.

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*The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.*

*Legislative Council*

*Clerk of the Parliaments*

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**Tabling copy**

<b>The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—</b>	1
<b>1 Name of Act</b>	2
This Act is the <i>Water NSW Amendment (Warragamba Dam) Act 2026</i> .	3
<b>2 Commencement</b>	4
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	5

<b>Schedule 1</b>	<b>Amendment of Water NSW Act 2014 No 74</b>	1
<b>[1] Part 5A Special provisions relating to Warragamba Dam</b>		2
Omit the part.		3
<b>[2] Section 116</b>		4
Insert after section 115—		5
<b>116 Water NSW may operate Warragamba Dam for flood mitigation purposes</b>		6
Despite any term or condition of an operating licence, Water NSW may operate Warragamba Dam for the purposes of facilitating flood mitigation downstream of the dam.		7 8 9