

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

INQUIRY INTO THE WATER NSW AMENDMENT (WARRAGAMBA DAM) BILL 2018

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The Selection of Bills Committee has referred the Water NSW Amendment (Warragamba Dam) Bill 2018 to the Standing Committee on State Development.

The bill was referred to the committee due to concerns that the proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam wall could impact on Aboriginal sites and the Blue Mountains World Heritage area.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Taylor Martin MLC, said: "The committee welcomes the opportunity to hear from relevant stakeholders and to review the bill in greater detail, in order to enhance the community's confidence regarding the proposed legislation.'

The committee will undertake an abridged inquiry process in examining the bill with a two week turnaround time.

The committee welcomes the participation of interested stakeholders and members of the community. The deadline for submissions is 4.00 pm, 3 October 2018 with the committee scheduled to report on 10 October 2018.

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the State Development Committee's <u>website</u>.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, Mr Taylor Martin MLC, on 9230 2985.