



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL

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INQUIRY INTO THE NSW GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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A parliamentary committee has been established to look into the NSW Government's proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam wall.

The Warragamba Dam serves as a water storage supplying water to people living in Sydney and the lower Blue Mountains. The dam is located above the Hawkesbury Nepean Floodplain. In anticipation of an increasing risk to the community of flood exposure, the NSW Government announced a flood risk management strategy recommending to raise the dam wall by 14 metres.

The Committee Chair, Mr Justin Field MLC, said: 'The proposal to raise the dam wall has raised concerns amongst stakeholders and community members including the potential impact on the Blue Mountains World Heritage area and Aboriginal sites.'

The Chair continued: 'This inquiry provides an opportunity for the committee to take a close look at the Government's proposal to raise the dam wall and its decision-making process. On behalf of the committee, I encourage concerned community members and experts in relevant fields to take this opportunity to make a submission to the inquiry and share their views with the committee.'

Have your say

The committee is receiving submissions until 10 September 2019. For information about the inquiry, including the [committee membership](#) and the [terms of reference](#), please visit the Select Committee's [website](#).

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, Mr Justin Field MLC, on 9230 3335.