

Question on Notice from Parliamentary Inquiry into the Proposal to Raise the Warragamba Dam Wall – Submission 237

Hearing 7 June 2021, 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Panel witnesses: The Hon. Minister Stuart Ayres, Mr Simon Draper and Ms Maree Abood, Infrastructure NSW; Mr Brett Whitworth, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Ms Fiona Smith, WaterNSW and Mr Mark Babister, WMAwater

Question taken on notice

The CHAIR: Thank you, Mr Draper. Is the raw data behind the modelling that you mentioned available for other experts to scrutinise and test?

Mr DRAPER: I might have to refer to Ms Abood.

Ms ABOOD: The data that we are currently reviewing is part of an ongoing review process and peer review process. That is part of the standard practice. I would have to take that on notice about whether that information will be publicly made available because it is partly WaterNSW information and partly other organisations.

Answer:

Analysis of the March 2021 flood event is ongoing, including in relation to data that can be used in modelling and the ability of a raised dam to have mitigated the flooding. This work is a multi-agency effort. Further information about the flood event will be made available to the public when this assessment is completed.