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Mr Justin Field MLC
Chair, Select Committee on the Proposal to Raise the Warragamba Dam Wall
Parliament House
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SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Dear Mr Field,

Warragamba Dam Raising Project

Council recently considered a Mayoral Minute at its Ordinary Meeting on 25 January 2022 regarding the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall by 14 metres for flood mitigation purposes, and the risks to the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley community should this project not proceed.

Following consideration and discussion on this matter, Council resolved as follows:

That Council:

1. *Calls on the NSW Government to recognise that:*

   a) *The Hawkesbury Valley has the largest unmitigated flood risk in New South Wales, if not Australia.*
   b) *Infrastructure NSW and Water NSW have considered a number of flood mitigation infrastructure options, and the Warragamba Dam Raising Project (by 14m for flood mitigation purposes only) was identified as the option with the best cost-benefit ratio.*
   c) *The risk to our community is significant and well documented, and that we need the Government to act urgently to address the risk.*
   d) *Further delays to the Warragamba Dam Raising Project will continue to put our community in danger.*

2. *That Council write to the Premier, the Minister for Western Sydney and the Member for Hawkesbury in addition to the Chair of the Select Committee on the Proposal to Raise the Warragamba Dam Wall to advise them of our resolution.*

Accordingly, I am writing to convey Council's recently resolved position, and to advise that Council has written to the NSW Government to seek action with respect to addressing the largest unmitigated risk in New South Wales, if not Australia to our community.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Kearns | Manager Strategic Planning | Hawkesbury City Council