

**INQUIRY INTO ADEQUACY OF WATER STORAGES IN  
NSW**

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Dams have detrimental impact on rivers – both physical and biological, by altering the rivers natural flow thus effecting ecosystems, which can led to the extinction of many fish and other aquatic species, the disappearance of birds in floodplains and huge losses of forest, wetland and farmland.

We can ill afford to lose any more biodiversity in this state – just take koalas as a case in question – logging & destruction of habitat – such as dams – have now listed them as threatened in Australia.

Permanent ‘water wise’ rules throughout most Australian cities and surveys around the country have shown that low-level water restrictions have very high levels of community support, making dams unnecessary.

Large infrastructure projects such as dams can inflict a large financial burden on water rates payers, especially small family-based farmers, who can ill-afford huge water levees on top of everything else including huge power bills brought on by bad management of power companies stretching back over the last 30 years, who also use huge amounts of water – needing more dams should their capacity be increased.

Coal Seam Gas is another case in question, who’s expansion will require massive amounts of water - & therefore new dams - to frack & extract. Not a good idea for the water table, food production & security, soils & sustainability.