

**Submission  
No 53**

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

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Dear Committee for the Inquiry into adequacy of water storages in NSW,

This submission is intended to represent my opinion, which, in a nutshell, is: don't build more dams. There is plenty of evidence to support this opinion; I don't think the committee needs my help to find it.

Dams create negative impacts for rivers and the life associated with it. Human needs for water have justified some dams, but there is plenty of evidence that human water needs can easily be met without more dams in New South Wales.

Building more dams in this scenario locks current and future tax payers into funding poor infrastructure and destroying the environmental assets on which we depend. There is a great deal of community support for dealing with water needs by reducing water use and sourcing water in other ways – eg. stormwater usage for non-potable needs, decentralised rainwater harvesting, and sewage recycling.

Please take a positive step forward: avoid building more dams.

Yours sincerely,  
Tom Colley