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**INQUIRY INTO ADEQUACY OF WATER STORAGES IN  
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We do not need new dams in the Hunter Area.

Dams change the natural flow of rivers and in doing so effect the ecosystems. This will lead to the disappearance of our aquatic wildlife. This will also have a detrimental effect on the animals who rely on the floodplains and also lead to the destruction of trees and our precious wetlands.

We should aim to live a sustainable life. Everything humans do to the environment has a negative impact. There is not much nature left in the world. Pressures on the environment are getting larger and larger. We only have to look at climate change to realise that we should do our utmost to protect our world. Surely anyone with some common sense will realise that increased population and increased living standards will continue to have the most destructive influence on our environment? Where is all this going to stop?

I am hoping that someone with willpower will say: enough is enough. We have to start taking our natural enviroment serious. We cannot go on destroying everything around us. Sooner or later it will come back to haunt us and we will destroy ourselves in the process.

**WE DO NOT NEED NEW DAMS IN THE HUNTER AREA!**

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