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

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Please note in your inquiry that I believe that new dams are not necessary in the Hunter. I believe that dams have a detrimental impact on rivers – both physical and biological, by altering the rivers natural flow thus effecting ecosystems, which can lead to the extinction of many fish and other aquatic species, the disappearance of birds in floodplains and huge losses of forest, wetland and farmland.

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

I know that large infrastructure projects such as dams can inflict a large and unnecessary financial burden on the community.

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