

**Submission  
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## **INQUIRY INTO WATER AUGMENTATION**

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Upper House Committee

I refer to the above enquiry and respond in inviting your attention to the great need for consideration of the Hunter River at Singleton, combined with flooding issues.

I own a river flat farm in Singleton and like my many neighbours is subject to flooding. The two main tributaries which are the major contributors are the Wollombi Brook (formerly Cockfighter Creek) and the Goulburn River. My late father who farmed this and adjoining land from approx 1938, advocated strongly for dams in these areas. Together with extra activities in the district ie mining, power stations, vineyards, increased population, it would also alleviate flooding issues further downstream, plus the added benefit of drought proofing.

Another issue I wish to raise is in regards to large volume of trees growing in the river bed and the state of our river banks. Many years ago there was an Authority responsible for these issues.

With the downturn in the mining activity resulting in unemployment, could consideration be given to undertake these type of schemes which would benefit our country areas.

I await your reply in due course.

Roslyn Cragg