

**INQUIRY INTO WATER NSW AMENDMENT
(WARRAGAMBA DAM) BILL 2018**

Organisation: Blue Mountains City Council

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The Hon. Taylor Martin, MLC
Parliament House
Macquarie St
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

SUBJECT Inquiry – Water NSW Amendment (Warragamba Dam) Bill 2018

At its Ordinary Meeting of 21 August 2018, Blue Mountains City Council considered the matter of raising of the Warragamba Dam wall. As a result, Council will:

- Write to the local Member to express concern about the proposal;
- Engage with the EIS consultation process when the EIS is released;
- Write to the Blue Mountains Aboriginal Advisory Committee advising them of these actions; and
- Receive a Councillor Briefing from Traditional Owners.

This Council's submission to the Inquiry expresses our serious concerns with the negative impacts that any future raising of the Warragamba Dam wall will have on the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, including the Aboriginal heritage values of the affected area. Council continues to engage with the Traditional Owners in relation to Aboriginal culture and heritage implications of the proposal.

The Council understands that an Aboriginal Place listing under the *National Parks and Wildlife Services Act* has been lodged by the Traditional Owners and urges the Inquiry to take this into consideration.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours faithfully

CHRIS VAN DER KLEY
Deputy Mayor