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No 35

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

**Name:** Name suppressed

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I am against the NSW governments proposal to raise the Warragamba dam wall by 14 meters as a flood mitigation measure. I believe that raising the dam wall will not stop flooding of the Hawkesbury flood plains. History has shown that even prior to the construction of the Warragamba dam wall the area has always flooded in times of great rainfall. There are numerous rivers that all flow into the area that will still do so even if the dam wall is raised. The fact that the NSW government are prepared to destroy the Blue Mountains National Park with flood waters and various endangered species in the process is unacceptable. We have already lost much of the local Aboriginal history with the original construction of the dam. We should do all we can to preserve what remains. Why does the government want to destroy the habitat of the Regent Honey Eater? This bird is an endangered species. Australia has already lost many species of our native flora and fauna due to mistakes in the past. We now should know better! There are so many reasons why this proposal should not go ahead. We do not need more houses to be built on a flood plain. It will always be a flood plain. The more homes built, the more people live in the area. You are not planning on increasing the capacity of the Warragamba dam, so what are all these people going to drink? You are risking so many lives in allowing the flood plain to be developed more. What will people eat when you replace the food producing farms with houses? What will be lost on both sides of the dam does not balance out with what may be gained. Lost: heritage, flora and fauna, lives when the flood plain floods. Gain: the developers bank accounts. Please use common sense and DO NOT change the law that will allow you to flood irreparably the Blue Mountains National Park. Thank you.