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I'm not going to pretend to be good with words nor do I really know what to say but when will our government care about our natural environment? I grew up in the Wollondilly and have lived at Nattai that overlooks the Burragorang Valley, which I'll admit to me is one of the most beautiful places in the world. I've know people first hand who were part of the community who had their lives uprooted due to the initial flooding of the Valley. The flooding itself is the direct reason why the Camden White Gum is endangered and this new proposed raising of the wall and flooding will destroy the rest of the natural habitat of this tree and many, many more of our local flora and fauna. The are is home to Sydney regions only colony of Dingo, the Regent Honeyeater and colonies of koalas (which at this rate will be extinct in the wild by 2050!). Do we not care for our wildlife or fauna. There are over 50 Aboriginal sites that would be destroyed, wild rivers that would be ruined and will affect one of the world's most beautiful national parks. We aren't as naive as we were in the 40's when the Valley was flooded, how can you turn a blind eye to our environment now? Please don't do this, please.