

**Submission
No 56**

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

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Raising the level of Warragamba Dam will result in more catastrophic flooding should the dam fail in the event of an extreme weather event. The more water stored behind the dam wall the greater the damage if the dam failed. If the water captured by the raised dam is stored for any lengthy period then the vegetation along the lake shore will die. Exposed bare soil and rock will then wash into the lake during subsequent heavy rainfall events and cause the dam to silt up much sooner than is the case now. Water saving measures implemented instead of raising the dam wall will help ensure there is sufficient water during periods of drought.