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No 67

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

**Name:** Name suppressed

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The flooding of parts of the Blue Mountains world heritage area proposed by this bill is opposed by conservationists and Aboriginal people throughout the Blue Mountains and the wider community including former NSW environment minister Bob Debus Bob Brown, Christine Milne, the Australia Conservation Foundation chair Paul Sinclair, and Gundungurra traditional owner Kazan Brown. Warragamba Dam was not intended for flood mitigation. The most effective way to avoid flooding of homes in the Hawkesbury valley is to ensure that no further homes are built within the flood zone. The richness of the floodplain has provided excellent agricultural produce since the beginnings of the valley. My concern is that natural heritage values, of the area would be "significantly degraded" if the proposal were to go ahead, and that the agricultural resources of the flood plain will be at risk if there is possibility of further building development.