INQUIRY INTO WATER NSW AMENDMENT (WARRAGAMBA DAM) BILL 2018

Organisation: Hawkesbury Nepean Flood Mitigation Action Committee

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RAISE THE WALL AND SAVE US ALL
Bill to protect Life and Property in the
Hawkesbury Nepean Valley to be
introduced into NSW Upper House.

A Bill to be introduced into the NSW Upper House of Parliament this week allowing the controlling Authority over Warragamba Dam, Water NSW, the legislative authority to operate Warragamba Dam for Flood Mitigating as the current legislation only allows for Water Storage.

This is not an attack on National Parks Act or World Heritage.

The Hawkesbury Nepean Flood Mitigation Action Committee (HNFMAC) would urge you to contact your local Federal, State and Local Councillors from all sides of politics to support this important legislative change in the way Warragamba Dam can be managed to protect us all.



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Over the past decades it has been established that the Hawkesbury

Nepean Valley is at risk of major flooding causing up to 7,000 existing homes and many businesses to be inundated with displacement / evacuation of 50,000 thousand residents.

The bulk of these homes were approved at a much lower planning levels than the current development levels which <u>will not be lowered</u> <u>contrary to claims.</u> Ref Molino Stewart Environmental and Natural Disasters Final Report.

The EIS for this project is underway as is the rigorous approval process for the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall by around14 meters to create an air space for temporary storage of inflow during extreme rain events over the catchment area.

This will cause some temporary inundation for short periods around 2 weeks of the upstream areas of the catchment area above Warragamba Dam adjacent to existing storage levels <u>not the entire Blue</u>

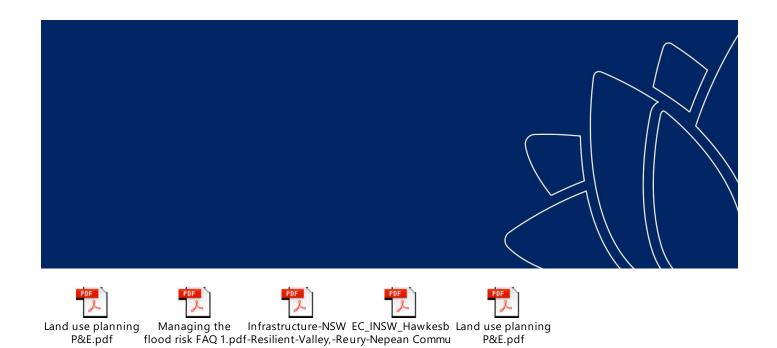
<u>Mountains National Park.</u>

The NSW Government and its agencies is in consultation with all the stake holders involved.

The raising of Warragamba Dam is an integral part of the NSW Government's Flood strategy for the Hawkesbury Nepean Valley released this year.

Frequently asked Questions

See Attached



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