

**Submission
No 78**

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

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I am writing to condemn the planned raising of the Warragamba Dam wall will have an irreversible and catastrophic impact on a number of threatened species living in the areas to be flooded.

I call on the NSW Government to abandon the Water NSW Amendment (Warragamba Dam) Bill 2018 that is currently before the NSW Parliament, legislation that would amend the National Parks and Wildlife Services Act 1974, which currently prohibits dam inundation of NSW national parks.

The Government's strategy for managing flood risk in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley is predicated on allowing more people to move into harm's way. The assessment of flood control favours raising the Warragamba Dam wall by ignoring its environmental and social impact, and the benefits of any non-flood control alternatives.

Management of the existing storage of Warragamba Dam, improvements to flood evacuation routes, increased flood forecasting capacity and adopting international best practice floodplain development controls are all alternatives to raising the dam wall.

Raising Warragamba Dam wall would also push several Australian threatened species towards extinction. The world heritage listed river valleys under threat protect 50% of the habitat for the most threatened woodland fauna species of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. There are 65 kilometres of wilderness streams within the world heritage area that would be drowned by the raised dam.

It causes me great concern that my grandchildren will be denied the opportunity to explore large parts of the current Greater Blue Mountain World Heritage Area because of developer greed and legislative vandalism of the highest order. Please just stop it!