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

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I am completely opposed to the raising of the wall of Warragamba Dam by the proposed 14 metres. The raising of the dam wall by 14 metres will cause the flooding of 4,700 ha of Blue Mountains National Parks and 65 kilometres of wilderness streams resulting in the destruction of many species. And this is to occur in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. I can't understand why my government would even consider such a proposition.

The proposed inundation will push to extinction two species that are critically endangered which are found in this area. The Camden White Gum forest which is the habitat for the Regent Honeyeater. These must not be compromised in any way. My grandchildren deserve to inherit these wonders. This is yet another example of developer led self interest. Developers want to construct dwellings for an additional 134,000 people and so reap huge profits. The building of homes on a flood plain is in my view crazy. Flood plains flood. Most of the flooding of these flood plains is caused by the water catchment which is below the Dam.

I understand that the project will not be open for public scrutiny because it has been classified as State Significant Infrastructure. Here we have the Government preferencing the developer industry over the well being of the wider population.

The flooding of National Parks is currently forbidden. The State Government will have to change the legislation to allow this to happen. This must be resisted at all cost. Our National Parks must not be allowed to be violated in the interest of economic concerns.

The best way to manage flooding on the flood plain is not to allow any building on them and for those who are already living on the floodplain the timely evacuation policy is the best way to manage the risk to human life.

I suggest that the proper management of Warragamba Dam levels to allow for air space for future floods will achieve the same result as raising the dam wall and at no cost to the public purse.

John Inshaw