

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

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE RE WARRAGAMBA DAM HEIGHT INCREASE

I wish to lodge my objection to the raising of the height of the warragamba dam which could flood world heritage and indigenous lands. This appears to be a political move and certainly one of more development when no environmental impact statement has been done let alone approved. According to experts the largest of flood events would inundate up to 4,700 hectares of national parks and 65km of wilderness streams above the current full storage level of the dam. "Inundation of this nature would result in extensive and irreversible damage to the integrity of the greater Blue Mountains world heritage area."

"Raising Warragamba Dam wall would 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."

How much more do we have to fight for the eco systems in this country and not make it about yet more development ? this also appears to be ticking the box of insurance companies liability requirements for potential developers.

The damage would be unconscionable and irreversible.

please vote no to the raising of the dam wall

Kerry Hewson