

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE
WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL**

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I write to urge you to reject this proposal. There are very serious environmental grounds for maintaining the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park in its present state. The raising of the dam wall would flood 65 km of wilderness rivers, destroy old growth forest and endanger the Regent Honeyeater, the rarest bird in NSW.

Furthermore, the Traditional Owners of the land, whose heritage is involved, are fiercely opposed.

There is no sensible reason for undertaking this vastly expensive and permanently damaging work. It will not produce more rainwater, it will not protect people downstream from future flood events in any way that has not already been managed, and if the purpose is to enable housing development in the Liverpool Plains, then that is unacceptable. With serious climate change underway, our food sources are going to be under increasing stress and any agricultural land such as in the fertile plain will be essential for providing for our basic needs.