

**Submission  
No 17**

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

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my Name is Steve Defina and i have been doing eco tours and fishing charters on the Nepean and Warragamba rivers for 15 years.

My concern with the raising of the dam is the condition of the rivers downstream from the dam. Both rivers are chocked with weed and at the time of writing are very bad.

The rivers need a regular flush from flood waters released from the dam when mother nature allows.

If the dam wall is raised i fear the river will never get the flood waters it desperately needs. And the section between the bridges at Penrith will be seriously chocked with weed and become an eyesore as well as impassable to boats and recreational users.

I am also very concerned of these effects on my business and other river users.