

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

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I am a sydney sider, having lived here my whole life. For the past 10 years I've taken up trail running and the main area I run is in the Blue Mountains and Kanagra Boyn National Park. This area is so special and we are so lucky to have this wilderness area available to us so close to our city.

As part of trail running events we always acknowledge the indigienous people of the areas on which we run, and also often have indigenous people participate in the race briefings or even throughout the race. This teaches us the importance of the history of the land that we are living in now.

The proposal to raise the Warragamba dam wall horrifies me - I can't believe that it is actually being considered, and that huge portions of our national park and indigenous heritage will be wiped out. The thousands of animal species that will be threatened, the flora such as the Camden White Gum and the indigienous history is too precious to lose over a perceived 'quick fix'.

The deslination plant was built, and then not used. This is a sunk cost, why not make it one that actually gives us benefit and protects our wilderness. Shortsighted thinking like this will result in all out wilderness areas being desecrated in favour of convenience.

Lets make some more long-term longer lasting changes, instead of a 'quick fix' of raising a wall. With warragamba currently sitting at 51% capacity - this isn't the long term answer. Let's put the effort into finding a real solution that doesn't wipe out our wilderness and history forever.