

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

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I am strongly against the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall for the following reasons:

1 It is merely a sop to the developers who have needlessly overdeveloped the land in the Nepean-Hawkesbury floodplain below the dam. Now these same developers want to develop more land and want us taxpayers to pay for them to have a slice of land that will be not flood prone.

Developers have had it their own way for far too long under various governments and now is the time to lessen their influence.

2 Damage to the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area is also a major concern of mine. Forty-eight threatened species in over 4500 hectares would be affected. This is not acceptable.

3 Loss of cultural heritage for the indigenous peoples of the area is not acceptable.

There is no valid reason for the wall to be built on the existing dam.