

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

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I must admit, when I first heard about the idea of raising the wall of the Warragamba Dam I thought it was a satirical story on a fake website. But now I see the government is seriously considering it, despite the fact it will

1. Endanger the World Heritage Listing
2. Destroy unique habitats
3. Kill off threatened species
4. Wipe our Aboriginal sites
5. Degrade the tourist value of the Blue Mountains (it's only industry of note)
6. Consequently degrade the tourist value of the greater Sydney region
7. Have dubious if any benefits for existing residents in the Sydney basin

It seems the only reason to do it is as part of the current government obsession with pandering to developers - the sad thing is that as the political climate inevitably swings the other way, it will be obvious it was unnecessary, but the irreversible damage will already be done.

Please show common sense and save our pristine, unique and special environment. Having a wilderness like the Blue Mountains on the edge of Sydney is one of the things that makes our city special - and I visit it regularly, as do many of my friends. Please don't let it be destroyed by short-sighted politicians with vested interests.

Yours sincerely

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