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

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Raising Warragamba dam would be a disaster. It is misleading to say that it will mitigate flood risk on the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain. Currently the feeder dams are empty and Warragamba is down. Sydney is taking water like there is no tomorrow. It's doubtful that, with the exploding population, we will see the water storage system full for any prolonged spans of time, let alone overflowing and flooding. And should it flood, what happens to those poor, gullible souls that settle there, having been led to believe their property would be safe. Leave our rich Cumberland plains undamaged, to provide agriculture and lungs for Sydney to breathe.

Let's save these areas for their natural heritage and cut out this anthropocentric crap. The environment suffers and we too suffer. We do not play politics with matters that are fundamentally important to our physical, mental and environmental well-being.