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

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As a long time hiker and lover of the outdoors, I have been alerted to this issue. It seems to me that the plan to raise the height of this dam wall is not justified for the following reasons:
Raising Warragamba Dam wall will promote too much development on the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain. With plans to increase the Hawkesbury-Nepean Floodplain population by 134,000 by 2030, it will change the social-fabric of this semi-rural region which has historically provided a significant amount of Sydney's food. It will put massive pressure on western Sydney suburbs which will experience explosive expansion. Australia's zoning regulation for flooding (1:100 year) is far below other international best practice, with the US (1:500) or the Netherlands (1:1250 Years) as examples. We shouldn't be putting more people in areas that are deemed dangerous in many other countries.

Raising Warragamba Dam wall will be ineffective at mitigating flood risk on the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain. Refer to ANU report by Professor Jamie Pittock as attached.