

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

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I, _____, would like to make a submission to the Legislative Council Select Committee on the proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam wall.

Having lived in the area for many years and being dedicated to conservation, I hold grave concerns regarding the mentioned proposal.

As historically 45% of the floodwaters in the valley have originated from other catchments besides Warragamba, raising the dam will be ineffective at mitigating flood risks on the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain. Instead the proposed project will inflict massive and devastating environmental and ecological damage on the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, as in the 4700 hectares to be inundated, 48 threatened flora and fauna species will be threatened and Sydney's only remaining wild river and wilderness streams will be destroyed, as well as its status of being a World Heritage Site. It will also promote too much new development in risky areas, therefore exposing effectively more people to flood risk.

Further it shows gross disrespect for Aboriginal heritage, sacred sites and the last remaining features of the Gundungurra people's dreaming stories. It appears that the report fails to show that only 26% of the area which will be impacted by the wall raising has so far been surveyed. I finally would like to point out that Australia, and therefore also NSW, has a system of democracy which means the voices of all councils involved in this proposal and all its citizens should be listened to, taken very seriously, acted upon and certainly not ignored.