

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

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Select Committee on the Proposal to Raise the Warragamba Dam Wall

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

As someone who grew up in the Blue Mountains, traveled extensively and lived in Sydney for the past 10 years I have deep concerns regarding the proposal to raise Warragamba Dam Wall.

The idea threatens the Blue Mountains as a World Heritage site. One of NSW's most valuable environmental assets. It would demolish Sydney's last remaining wild river and wilderness streams, including the iconic Kowmung river and consume 4,700 hectares, threatening 48 endangered and critically endangered species, including Australia's rarest bird and the Camden White Gum.

The proposed project undermines 'Outstanding Universal Values' which led to the park being inscribed as a World Heritage Site and would lead to irreversible loss of sacred cultural and archaeological sites, including the last remaining features of the Gundungurra peoples dreaming stories.

The outcome is not worth the loss and destruction as raising Warragamba Dam wall will also be ineffective at mitigating flood risk on the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain as 45% of flood waters in the valley originate from other catchments besides Warragamba. I will lead to unsafe and unsustainable development in flood plane regions.

In the short and long term I view this idea to be highly unsustainable.

Regards,

Claire Nakazawa

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