

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

**Name:** Name suppressed

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Dear Sir/Madam,  
Re: Raising the Warragamba Dam Wall.

I used to live in far northern NSW near Lismore, I experienced first hand the devastation imposed on homes that were built in the floodplain.

The then local council was pushed by developers to open up this area for homes and people bought them without realising that it was on a floodplain.

You cannot use a dam wall to stop major flooding as we saw happening in Brisbane, there was a prime example of trying to hold it back then haven't to let it go, causing major problems.

The Warragamba Dam is no different, placing housing on a flood plain must never be allowed, the same as allowing development on the low lying coastal areas as in my area I live at Collaroy.

- Please read the attached report from Assoc. Professor Jamie Pittock
- There is the other affect on our Blue Mountains Heritage Area, this is a major tourist attraction, plus the 48 threatened species found in this area. This will also destroy many of the wild rivers in this area.... to save more space for development?
- If just as importance is the sacred sites of the Gundungurra peoples, this will destroy part of their culture that can never be redeemed.

Please consider the above points in your decision, to satisfy a few developers wanting to build in a floodplain and destroy so much more that can never be replaced.