

**Submission
No 108**

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

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THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL MUST NEVER BE RAISED !!!

Up to 1300 hectares of precious world heritage listed Blue Mountains bushland would be ruined by floodwaters if the Warragamba Dam is raised.

The 14 metre increase to the dam would result in a direct impact to the world famous area, which includes a number of important Aboriginal cultural sites. The bushland lying within the proposed temporary inundation area would be permanently affected in the event of a significant flood.

The NSW government has known all along that raising Warragamba Dam would have significant impacts on the iconic Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, yet they have shamefully chosen to hide it from the public and UNESCO,".

Up to 5,000 hectares of bushland which is not world heritage listed could also be inundated as a result of the project.

Raising the Warragamba Dam wall will result in significant damage to one of NSW's most cherished natural treasures and would remove, destroy, and substantially damage the area and wipe out Indigenous culture, history and homelands.

Most governments would value and take pride in any part of their jurisdiction that had attained World Heritage listing. The NSW government seems to treat it as an inconvenience to yet more development. The word "Philistines" comes to mind.