

**Submission
No 116**

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

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Raising the Warragamba Dam wall will not be effective at controlling floods in the Nepean-Hawkesbury floodplain.

Raising Warragamba Dam wall will cause overdevelopment on the Nepean-Hawkesbury floodplain causing detrimental impacts on hydrology, the native flora & fauna, will increase runoff & flooding and increase traffic congestion.

Raising Warragamba Dam wall will destroy many significant indigenous sites and relics in the southern Blue Mountains. Our first peoples deserve respect & better & a more comprehensive assessment & consultation if this proposal to raise the wall is to be taken seriously.

The proposal to raise Warragamba Dam wall will degrade and destroy large & pristine areas of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, threatening many plants & animals that are already in low numbers or only live in this area.

The potential flooding of the land from the raising of Warragamba Dam wall within this World Heritage area will wash huge amounts of organic matter into the Dam, degrading water quality and clogging filters and machinery, costing much in taxpayer dollars.

Raising Warragamba Dam wall is an unnecessary cost to NSW taxpayers and will cause much suffering in loss of aboriginal heritage, environmental values and amenity for residents of western Sydney. The only winners from this proposal are developers, the rest of us would be losing out.