

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

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Raising Warragamba Dam wall will be Ineffective at mitigating flood risk on the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain. You could discuss that 45% of historical flood waters in the valley have originated from other catchments besides Warragamba, and that the wall raising will promote more development in risky areas, effectively increasing the number of people exposed to high flood risk.

The irreversible damage the raising of the wall will have on the cultural heritage of the southern Blue Mountains is unacceptable and will destroy the remaining link its Traditional Owners have to country. It will result in the massive loss of sacred and archaeological sites, including the last remaining features of the Gundungurra peoples dreaming stories.

It is worth discussing

that the project threatens 48 threatened species found in the 4,700 hectares to be

inundated, including the critically endangered Regent honeyeater (Australia's rarest bird) and the Camden White Gum. It will destroy Sydney's only remaining wild river and wilderness streams, including the iconic Kowmung river.