

**Submission
No 126**

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

Name: Ms Angela Michaelis

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I am a former resident of Western Sydney, a former community member of the South Creek Catchment Management Committee. I am also a bushwalker in the Blue Mountains, familiar with the area under threats from the raising of the Warragamba wall, as well as with the Hawkesbury area where my children attended school. I now live in inner city Sydney.

I oppose the raising of the wall for several reasons.

Firstly, the flooding of parts of the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains natural environment. This also includes the cultural heritage of Indigenous people for the area.

Secondly, as a waste of taxpayer money, as it will be ineffective. Much of the floodwater entering the Hawkesbury originates in other catchments.

Thirdly, because it will promote too much growth downstream of the dam. This will be the death knell of food production in the area, and make a major change to the social fabric of towns like Richmond and Windsor and hamlets like Castlereagh.

I urge you to reject this proposition.