

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

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I Jessica McKenna as a Undergraduate University student undertaking a Bachelor of Science and a resident of _____, would like to make a submission to the Legislative Council Select Committee on the proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam wall.

I have serious concerns regarding current proposal to raise Warragamba Dam Wall. The areas that will be inundated will have a enormous detrimental impact on the biodiversity value of the Blue Mountains as it 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 along with destroying Sydney's only remaining wild river and wilderness streams, including the iconic Kowmung river. The World Heritage Committee this year noted that the project would undermine the 'Outstanding Universal Values' which led to the World Heritage listing.

It should also be noted this area includes one of the last remaining sites of the Gundungurra peoples dreaming stories. This is a massive cultural loss for the Blue Mountain's traditional people.

Yours Sincerely,
Jessica McKenna