

**Submission
No 138**

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

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This proposal to raise Warragamba dam will cause irreversible damage on the cultural heritage of the southern Blue Mountains. This 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.

As cultural knowledge along with ecological biodiversity is placed under immense pressure each day. Making bigger dams is not a viable solution to water security. Public knowledge and consumption behaviour needs addressing along with dodgy corporate consumption for dying industries like the coal sector that has no economic or environmental benefits to our community.

Don't live up to the disgusting reputation that you have created for yourselves. Not just within Australia but around the globe. Take a step in the right direction. Put our future first and think about sustainable ways of managing our shared resources.