

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

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I object to the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall for the following reasons:

This project will result in the unacceptable destruction of important ecology within the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and Sydney's only remaining wild river and wilderness streams, including the iconic Kowmung river.

With a species extinction crisis well in train in Australia it is absolutely unacceptable to be destroying 4,700 hectares of significant flora and fauna habitat including that of the critically-endangered Camden White Gum and the Regent Honeyeater. With global warming increasingly affecting all eco-systems all viable habitats should be protected.

Significant Aboriginal cultural heritage is at risk. The final remaining cultural assets of the Gundungurra people must be protected.

I understand that it will not address flood risk, but promote increased building development on the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain putting new assets and lives in preventable danger. This area is much better-served as a food-growing area close to Sydney - especially with climate change effects reducing food security in the medium to long term. Food-security planning should be a key consideration for the NSW Department of Planning.

Please do not go ahead with raising this dam wall.