

**Submission
No 165**

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

Name: Ms Christine Carmichael

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Dear Committee,

I am opposed to the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall for many reasons. Firstly, the traditional custodian First People are being ignored given they cared for the area for over 60,000 years and sacred places will be destroyed. Secondly, as a resident of the Blue Mountains and someone who has been involved in bush care for over 24 years I am extremely concerned about the flooding of native habitat and ecological systems that will occur when waters are released. Thirdly, the land that is supposed to be being protected from flooding is already in a flood prone area of the Hawkesbury region that should not have been built on in the first place and will expose more people to potential flooding if further developed, seemingly the aim of this project. Fourthly, the land in the Hawkesbury area would be better zoned for regenerative farming to provide more healthy food for the growing population of Sydney and to help combat climate change.

Regards,

Christine Carmichael