

**Submission
No 172**

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

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to oppose the development of Warragamba Dam which will inevitably be catastrophically destructive to the Blue Mountains that I call home. The irreversible damage the raising of the wall will have on the cultural heritage of the southern Blue Mountains is unacceptable and will destroy the remaining link that Gundungurra 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. The draft cultural assessment was rushed and only assessed 26% of the area in question. This is equivalent to me looking in your spare room and saying that there's nothing here, let's knock the house down. Please consider how much the Blue Mountains world heritage area means to the Australian people and reject the development.

Regards,

Leonie Waldron

Lower Blue Mountains resident