

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the raising of Warragamba Dam. I believe this would be a disaster because of the massive environmental/ecological damage that this project will inflict on the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. The project endangers 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. It will destroy Sydney's only remaining wild river and wilderness streams, including the iconic Kowmung river. As noted by the World Heritage Committee this year, the project will also undermine the 'Outstanding Universal Values' which led to the park being inscribed as a World Heritage Site. This threatens its status as a World Heritage site, and could be put on the 'at risk' list.

This destruction alone is enough to abandon this project but of course there are other reasons to consider it a bad idea.

It will be ineffective for flood mitigation.

It will promote excessive development of the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain.

It will ruin the remaining link the traditional owners have to country.

I would suggest this project be rejected.