

**Submission  
No 176**

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

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Chair  
Select Committee on the Proposal to Raise the Warragamba Dam Wall  
Legislative Council  
NSW Parliament House  
Macquarie St  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Re: Inquiry into the proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam wall

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a submission regarding the above proposal against raising the Warragamba Dam wall.

I am deeply concerned on 2 fronts. Firstly, that the raising of the dam wall will flood more of our protected National Park lands and destroy Aboriginal sacred sites. I am an avid bushwalker, canyoner and have been lucky enough to explore a vast amount of the Blue Mountains National Park and Wollemi wilderness areas for the past 30 years. Our bushlands are a precious resource for our water supplies of Sydney and the area you are looking to flood is pristine bushland and undisturbed archeological sites for our local Aborigines.

Secondly, it seems too convenient that with the raising of the dam wall the floodplains of the Hawkesbury-Nepean area will be opened up to more development and housing. This is one of the food basins for Sydney and will still be at risk of flooding. It is not an area that should be considered for more housing. The raising of the dam wall will not make it any safer when the surrounding rivers overrun their banks in high long term rainfall events.

Yours sincerely,

Astrid Pickup