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

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As a resident of Wallacia which is often affected by floods I have taken an active interest in the pros and cons of raising the Warragamba dam wall by 14 m. I attended a meeting hosted by the Wallacia Progress Association to hear from Alisin White from NSW Infrastructure. It was very professional with a lot of information which was quite alarming for the future safety of residents living in the Nepean Hawksbury flood plains. It seems hard to believe that so many homes will be at risk and I can appreciate the need to action. However I have since attended a presentation by the Give A Dam group and now realise that there are practical alternatives to raising the dam. Apart from the damage to the environment and Indigenous culture behind the dam in times of flood, our community will be greatly affected by the truck movements through our village. Raising the dam will not affect the flooding we get here and the enormous amount of money can be spent much more wisely on improving the evacuation routes with bridges over some of the low lying sections of road. All development of flood affected areas should be stopped and the land used for agriculture or recreation.