Submission No 183

INQUIRY INTO PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL

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Like many others in the community I am concerned about the impact of the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall on the World Heritage Listing of Blue Mountains National Park, the impact on aboriginal heritage, the damage to flora and fauna and what presents as an underlying potential to acquiesce to development interests by permitting development on the flood plains of the Hawkesbury-Nepean Region including feeder creeks.

To alleviate the latter, the government must come out publicly and say that areas presently defined as flood plain or as public recreation because of past experience and recognition as flood prone in LEPs etc will not, be permitted development.

The World Heritage listing is a serious matter and it would be an embarrassment to the nation if the NSW Government makes a decision to jeopardise the listing or introduce an altered level of listing.

The aboriginal heritage and the flora and fauna conservation issues also demand a greater acknowledgement and regard for higher conservation measures.