

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

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To Whom It May Concern

I oppose the current proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam 14 metres in the future. It is critical we maintain the ecosystem that still exists in the Sydney Basin. Government must be responsible to many of the threats in the region which are not been dealt with. eg the effects of coal mining on the water table and effective running of creeks .

1. A healthy ecosystem should be allowed to flood. We need to build our land use around this. Do not destroy more tree/forest/bush habitat.
2. Raising of the dam wall will mean loss of cultural sites that are part of our dynamic history that still has to be told, honoured and form the basis of the reconciliation of this nation as we move into the future.
3. Look to the maintenance of the water supply system as it now stands. Repair and refine. Add in the effect of the desalination plant.
4. Do not start on another massive project which will generate jobs and income for "mates" but ignore the health and sustainable of the grass roots community.
6. There is a network of dams to provide water for Sydney without raising the wall. Spend money elsewhere in this drought riven state.

PLAN. BE METICULOUS ABOUT THE SCIENCE AND THE ENGINEERING. BE BOLDER MORE INNOVATIVE.

And for gods sake, and our children, spend the billion set aside for maintenance of public schools instead of letting the money sit in Treasury.