

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

Name: Name suppressed

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Dear Government representative

I wish to lodge my strong objection to the proposed raising of Warragamba Dam wall for flooding mitigation. The basis of my objection are: Unacceptable impacts on world heritage listed bushland areas and impacts on the aboriginal heritage within the affected areas.

Additionally I am concerned that once the wall is raised it will at some stage in the future (even if not planned to occur now) the increased height will become used for water storage during drought further negatively affecting the values I have stated above.

I am also concerned that the wall raising will be used to justify existing and further development on the Nepean flood plain, especially development on the Penrith Lakes site. I believe there are many better options for managing/mitigating flood impacts than flooding Land within Blue Mountains national park. The fact the Government seems to have jumped directly to this one option without properly or sincerely investigating other options gives me no confidence in the process being followed.

I have also viewed the chart showing existing flood flows compared to those if the wall is raised (SMH 5 August 2019) and note the very small benefit during peak flows and extended period of flooding resulting from the dam raising. Again this shows the lack of overall benefit of the dam raising.

Based on the above I strongly object to the raising of the wall