

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

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I am making a submission to the Legislative Council Select Committee on the proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam wall.

As an active bushwalker and member of a bushwalking club with 300+ members, I hold grave concerns regarding the proposal to raise Warragamba Dam Wall. The areas that will be inundated will have an enormous detrimental impact on the biodiversity value of the Blue Mountains.

The Colong Foundations contribution to this inquiry addresses term of reference 1d(iii), highlighting concerns over the ecological impacts this project will have on the Greater Blue Mountains National Park and how it has been assessed to date.

The massive environmental/ecological damage that this project will inflict on the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area is devastating.

- The project threatens 48 threatened species found in the 4,700 hectares to be inundated, including the critically endangered Regent honeyeater (Australia's rarest bird) and the Camden White Gum. '
- It will destroy Sydney's only remaining wild river and wilderness streams, including the iconic Kowmung River.
- As noted by the World Heritage Committee this year, the project will also undermine the 'Outstanding Universal Values' which led to the park being inscribed as a World Heritage Site thus threatening its status as a World Heritage site.

The Warragamba Dam wall raising will not prevent flooding as Sydney flooding is fed by multiple catchments. It will however promote more development in risky areas, effectively increasing the number of people exposed to high flood risk.

Yours Sincerely,