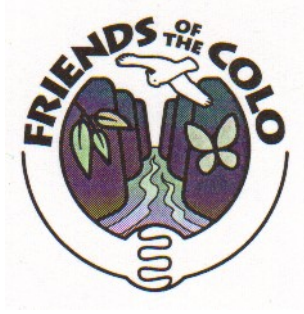


Submission
No 217

INQUIRY INTO PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL

Organisation: Friends of the Colo Inc.

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The Hon Taylor Martin MLC
Committee Chair
Standing Committee of State Development,

Re: Submission to the inquiry into Water NSW Amendment (Warragamba Dam) Bill 2018.

Friends of the Colo Inc. (FoC) is a volunteer group of almost 20 years standing. Our primary focus is the control of landscape transforming weeds within the Colo River catchment. Currently, with the blessing of NSW NPWS we are undertaking a survey of similar weeds along the Kowmung River. Like the Colo, the Kowmung River is a Wild River declared and protected under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, and a major waterway within the Blue Mountains National Park and the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. If the Warragamba Dam wall were to be raised the subsequent periodic inundation would have permanent, major and damaging effects on the lower reaches of the Kowmung. These include the potential to increase and exacerbate weeds, including noxious weeds, not just on the lower reaches but along the entire river system. FoC is opposed to any development that will damage the Blue Mountains National Park and the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

FoC is therefore opposed to any proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam wall or change in the law to allow this.

Yours faithfully

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