

Submission  
No 231

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

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Dear Committee,

Please accept this submission to the Legislative Council's Select Committee Inquiry into the Proposal to Raise the Warragamba Dam Wall. I consent to this submission and my name being published in full.

The NSW Government's plan to raise the Warragamba Dam wall by at least 14 metres is destructive and potentially dangerous. I urge the committee to recommend the NSW Government abandon this short-sighted proposal.

If this project goes ahead it will flood almost 5000 hectares of World Heritage listed National Parks in the Blue Mountains and damage the Kowmung, Coxs, Nattai, Kedumba and Wollondilly Rivers. One of Australia's rarest birds, the Regent Honeyeater will be put at risk along with up to 48 other threatened species that inhabit the area. In July 2019, the UNESCO World Heritage Committee found that raising the dam wall would significantly impact the 'Outstanding Universal Values' of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Kind regards, Jen Powers 2290