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

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I do not believe there is any justification for raising the height of the wall of Warragamba Dam. The current restrictions on development within the flood plain provide protection against a one in one hundred year flood event. Allowing higher density development within the area will only exacerbate the problems of evacuation in such an event, and create a potential disaster if the one in one hundred year event is worse than anticipated. Given the increasing frequency and severity of weather events, this must at least be considered as a possibility, it not a probability. The potential damage to sacred Aboriginal sites, and to unique habitat, within the World Heritage Blue Mountains National Park cannot simply be ignored. Development for housing can occur in alternative areas. Once the damage is done within the Blue Mountains it is gone forever.