

**Submission  
No 260**

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

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Dear Committee,

I wish to object to the proposed raising of the Warragamba Dam wall on the basis of:

- A. The inundation of sites of significant Indigenous meaning
- B. The inundation of large portions of the natural environment which have great ecological, recreational and aesthetic value
- C. The loss of valuable areas/ pockets of arable land
- D. The inundation of breeding sites of significant and endangered species of flora and fauna
- E. Questionable information regarding the effects of natural flooding events on areas of subdivided, residential land that arguably should never have been built upon in the first place
- F. Further inroads on the World Heritage values of this unique part of Australia.

I wish to place on notice my strong objections to any changes to the current dam wall and the carrying capacity of the Warragamba Dam. I recommend that public education into current water-use practices would be a far preferable course to take and current flood mitigation practices be examined and refined.

Yours sincerely, Hilary Da Costa