

**Submission
No 270**

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

Name: Mr James Sharp
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I James Sharp, would like to make a submission to the legislative council select committee on the proposal to raise Warragamba dam.

I am employed as a Bush regenerator by one of the main environmental restoration companies in Sydney and spent my formative years living in the blue mountains. Due to the nature of my profession and my attachment to the bushland that will be affected by this change I feel very strongly opposed to this proposal. Research into the detrimental effects of this project have shown huge areas of bushland will be inundated, destroying ecosystems, endangering up to 48 species, risk damaging historical indigenous sites and it has been shown raising the dam will increase flood risk to many residential areas as well as encourage development in areas I believe would be left undisturbed. In cases of dam proposals in Australia's past such as the Franklin river in Tasmania have shown that much more good can come from leaving waterways to flow naturally than to disturb and destroy native ecosystem.

For these reasons I express an appeal that the expansion of the wall at Warragamba dam does not go ahead.

James Sharp

Bush regenerator.