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

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Hello,

I would like to add my voice against the proposal of the raising of the Warragamba Dam Wall for the listed reason below:

1. The impact on sensitive habitats for many threatened & endangered fauna & flora within World Heritage listed National Park. Birdlife like the Regent Honey eater are a part of ecological communities. Take out one part of these habitats threatens all species of flora and fauna within these habitats. If the habitats are affected can they be found anywhere else?
2. Impacts on First nation Australian indigenous cultural heritage. Indigenous Australians lived with the landscape & environment. It is well documented that the lifestyle of Indigenous Australians made little impact on the environment. This knowledge can be used as an effective tool for future generations to educate not only indigenous Australians yet all Australians. This is a massive area to study what cultural heritage there is including artwork, Scar trees and Birthing trees. Indigenous people also have different plant, bird and animal totems another huge part of their culture. The threat to the flora & fauna is another cultural threat to Indigenous Australians. If the wall is raised then this culture will be lost, it needs to be surveyed & protected correctly.