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

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Members of Parliament,

Pope Francis, in his letter to the whole world "Laudato Si, On care for our common home", gives a guide that our Government as well as the Church should also take heed. To quote L.S.79 "The work of the Church seeks not only to remind everyone of the duty of care for nature, but at the same time she must above all protect mankind from self-destruction". Raising the Warragamba Dam would have a deleterious effect on the natural life within the valleys above the dam, risk the UNESCO Status of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and not have much to offer in flood protection to the Hawkesbury Valley. Why are developers having so much influence on our Government? (ALDI shopping bags aside) Taking up a food growing area to put more housing where evacuations and rescues will obviously be a regular event. The example of other countries should teach us not to tempt nature this way.

Brother Frank Richardson