

**Submission  
No 288**

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

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I am writing to oppose the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall.

I am deeply concerned that the Government is allowing the interests of a few to create lasting damage to the heritage and environment of our city and its surrounds. Already we are seeing the changing face of our city that is happening at an alarming pace. So quickly in fact that infrastructure has long been left behind. I don't believe we will be able to support the food and water needs of our population into the future at the current rate of expansion and this will be especially true if we continue to build upon our fertile farmland (which appears to be happening up and down the coast ie Mt Gilead, Shellharbour etc).

To add to this The Blue Mountains is a world heritage area and notwithstanding the environmental damage that will be caused from flooding if the wall raising goes ahead, the damage to our indigenous heritage should not be tolerated. I find it laughable that a 100 year old landmark fig tree on Sydney harbour was cut down to save a retaining wall that was 150 years old and yet no thought is given to prevent the damage to Aboriginal artwork that is thousands of years old.

I am hoping that common sense will prevail here and another solution found.