

Submission
No 300

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

Name: Name suppressed

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Attention to all concerning the plan to raise the Warragamba dam.

I am against the the raising of the dam wall for the following reasons and I am available to discuss this on

Aboriginal heritage.

The raising of the dam wall will have a devastating impact on aboriginal heritage and culture. This country's original custodians have been cast aside for too long and it time to stop. The wall raising will cause inundation of heritage sites, even temporary flooding will cause irreversible damage to sites. There needs to be honest consideration for aboriginal people, so far they have been ignored.

Conservation of wild rivers.

A number of wild rivers and streams will be destroyed by the flooding. We have destroyed to much of this country's wilderness and it is simply shameful. The raising of this dam is all to do with greed and nothing to do with needs of the community. These rivers and streams are priceless and amazing places that need to be conserved for their own value and for future generations to enjoy. There are not many of these places left.

Conservation of endangered species.

In my opinion you could not have possibly surveyed the area required in sufficient detail so how can you ensure that there aren't unique endemic species that will be wiped out if their habitat is destroyed.

Natural heritage values.

This plan puts our world heritage status in jeopardy. Please explain why you would deliberately put a plan into action to jeopardise our world heritage status. This is completely unacceptable. The wilderness that will be effected by this plan will be devastated for ever. This just isn't good enough. I love this place simply for what it is and I will personally be devastated if this isn't protected for future generations.

Flood mitigation verses additional storage.

How can you guarantee that the water will not be turned into additional storage? What kind of engineering have you got in place to ensure that someone in a future government cant simply write a new regulation to allow for permanent additional storage. Does the raising of the dam wall include a mechanism that simply slows the water down or will it hold the water until a person initiates the release of the water.

Greed verses Need, meaning flood mitigation verses additional water capacity.

Why have this government not fully explored all flood mitigation measures and why is this the only one considered so far. The raising of the dam wall will hugely benefit a few rich developers financially but it will devastate the vast majority of stakeholders including countless potential endemic species both plant and animal, cultural sites and natural wild heritage.

Enough is enough. Please provide answers to the above objections so that I can respond.

Regards,