

**Submission
No 312**

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

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Regarding the raising the height of Warragamba Dam

There is no genuine threat of flood to existing residences because the policies to retain rainwater on all developments across the catchment in new recreation places involving ponds and wetlands has not only already lowered the flood peaks but added cooling amenity to new urban developments.

The only “benefit” is to make currently flood designated land able to be developed into residential allotments which is to put these and existing residences at risk due to the changes to the dam. Interfering with the existing structure introduces a new risk of catastrophic failure.

I also join former NSW Environment Minister Bob Debus in challenging the NSW government to take its environmental responsibilities regarding the Blue Mountains national Park seriously.