

Submission
No 318

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

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Re Inquiry Into Raising of Warragamba Dam Wall.

There are many issues with raising the Warragamba Dam wall. As an avid bushwalker of the Blue Mountains area, three of these issues are particularly important to me.

1. A large beautiful natural area will be destroyed, which will effect the fauna and flora of the area and the natural interrelations between these. At least 48 threatened species that inhabit the area will be put at risk if the dam wall is raised, including the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater and the Camden White Gum.

2. Cultural sites of the local Gundungurra People will be effected. Many of these sites have been assessed individually and not linked together as part of a cultural landscape. Individually they have been deemed to have "low" significance, whereas grouped together as part of the one larger area they become much more significant. The Gundungurra People have also been given insufficient time to respond to the Draft Cultural Assessment undertaken by SMEC Engineering.

3. What will happen to the status of our UNESCO World Heritage Blue Mountains National Park. As local people, when it was declared a World Heritage Area, we have been asked by UNESCO to protect this area for the whole world. Yet in July 2019, the UNESCO World Heritage Committee found that the proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam wall was "incompatible with world heritage status of NSW's iconic Blue Mountains." We are letting the whole world down here!

Please consider this and all the other submissions opposing the raising of Warragamba Dam wall. I am totally opposed to it.

Thank you.