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

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Guys, I'm fairly across this issue and the motives for raising the wall aren't good. It has been explained to me by a PhD academic and activist. Reasons for raising the wall include:

- 1) Boost the fortunes of property developers
 - a) By assuring prospective home buyers in the flood plain their lives/properties will be safe
- 2) Boost the fortunes of insurers
 - a) By enabling them to charge high premiums for living on a flood plain

Warragamba only controls a percentage of the flood water entering the plain. So in times of flood, only a percentage of the flow will be mitigated. This is not the story being sold to consumers. Politicians are telling them that "they will be safe" under the new dam wall.

I'm a bit pressed for time, so I can't review the many reasons against raising the wall, but I would like to mention the welfare of local aboriginal tribes. They will be unable to interview many aspects of their culture because it is so intricately bound to the physical nature of their territory.

Cheers, Geoff Walker