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

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Submission to the Inquiry into the proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam wall

I am a concerned citizen with a life-long appreciation of the environment, first on eastern Long Island, NY, and for the last 50 years, in Sydney. I would like to make a submission to, and objection to, the proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam wall.

I also lived in Louisiana for 6 years. In Louisiana and Texas, they grazed cattle on floodplains.

The areas that will be inundated will have a detrimental impact on the biodiversity value of the Heritage Listed Blue Mountains.

There are 4 salient issues, which are well documented in the press and in the many submissions you have received. They are:

1. Raising Warragamba Dam wall will not mitigate flood risk on the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain: 45% of historical flood waters in the valley have come from catchments other than Warragamba.
2. Raising Warragamba Dam wall will result in over-development on the Hawkesbury-Nepean floodplain.
3. It will cause loss of sacred and archaeological sites including the last remaining features of the Gundungurra peoples dreaming stories.
4. The project threatens 48 threatened species in the hectares to be inundated, including the Regent Honeyeater and the Camden White Gum. It will undermine the 'Outstanding Universal Values' which led to the park being inscribed as a World Heritage Site.

We can only wonder why this project has been proposed.