INQUIRY INTO PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL

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Submission to Legislative Council Select Committee on the Proposal to Raise the Warragamba Dam Wall

Dear Legislative Council Select Committee on the Proposal to Raise the Warragamba Dam Wall,

I am writing this to express my concerns about your plan to dam up the Kowmung River, and your plan involving the raising of the Warragamba Dam.

Many species will become endangered if this plan is put into action and I believe that these amazing, unique species should be protected for many generations to come.

My family and I go on many camping trips to the blue mountains and it really is a truly beautiful place to visit. If the river is dammed up that natural beauty will be lost. Throughout my life (and that hasn't been long as i am only 13), i have some extremely fond memories. In my opinion, many others should be able to visit this site forever undestroyed.

Not to mention, we are studying world heritage sites in my year 7 geography class. Throughout this topic i have learnt the importance of these sites. I have also been to many other natural world heritage sites inside Australia and this is certainly one of the more beautiful.

We conducted a survey in my class of 22 students to see how many of them had been to the Greater Blue Mountains Area World Heritage Site and 16 of them had visited the area and were keen so save the Lower Kowmung River.

Just because the Kowmung isn't well known is no reason to destroy its ecosystem. We wouldn't dare do anything that would endanger the Three Sisters would we? Well the Three Sisters is easily accessible via roads and so many people know about it and love it. We should only save well known natural wonders, we should help save the less known ones as well.

Thank You, , Age 13