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

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To Justin Field MLC

Chair

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Warragamba Wall
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Dear Mr Field

Thank you for this essential, important
& critical inquiry into the Raising of the
Warragamba Dam Wall.

My urgent request is that the Inquiry
will see how flawed, perhaps even deserving
an ICAC Inquiry, about the ^{potential} destruction
of World Heritage — too important to
damage for property speculation.

Enquiry Q.1

- Floods will always occur in flood plains
- Flooding by upstream catchments will happen regardless of any wall extension
- Too many governments have allowed inappropriate housing to be built on the floodplain. These should be bought out & removed
- Raising the Dam wall will create other unacceptable problems eg water/drinking quality reduction
- Engineering solutions are no solutions ~~to~~ at a time of unpredictable extreme & more frequent storms & drought, with climate change. Mass revegetation of creeklines, river edges; mass evacuation plans; & ~~less~~ ^{reduction in} hard surface ~~is~~ are some solutions.

Enquiry Q.2

- ~~Danger to~~ Raising the wall will definitely promote too much development
- The NSW & Federal Govt need to develop a sustainable population policy & realize that Sydney cannot cope

- the massive + ongoing increases in population
- Increases in population are economically unsustainable
 - The whole NSW Government - both major political parties - receive political donations from the property industry.
 - The property industry, I am sure, are already speculating on flood prone land. Once rezoned ~~prop~~, the profit margin is MASSIVE!

Enquiry Q3.

- The Traditional Owner's cultural connection to the land should be celebrated + protected.
- Too much cultural heritage has been destroyed. We cannot afford to lose anymore.

Enquiry Q.4

- Extinction is the biggest environmental crisis facing NSW. We cannot afford this 'infrastructure project' to annihilate some of Sydney's & most pristine habitats where rare birds & wildlife find sanctuary.
 - Why can't the NSW Government 'leave wilderness alone'? Why is it so intent on destroying it?
 - It is shameful to the world - that the NSW Government would allow its World Heritage values to be trashed?
 - If the NSW Government allows the GBM WHA to be destroyed it is the precedent to destroy every other World Heritage site in Australia.
 - Please recommend to the NSW Govt to abandon its million dollar project to raise the Warragamba Dam wall.
- Respectfully yours