

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO RATIONALE FOR, AND IMPACTS OF,
NEW DAMS AND OTHER WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN
NSW**

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Dear Senate Committee

NO NEW DAMS INQUIRY

The inclusion of new dams is highly sensitive and requires deep consideration of projected, suspected impacts - socially and environmentally. Political interference into the protracted information seeking and public debate scenario is not a responsible solution to be tolerated.

Please take into deep consideration many projects have no allocation for high security town water despite being pushed through as critical human need.

Registered Aboriginal sacred sites will be destroyed at many of the locations: a bad outcome for foresight and the emerging history of this country. The Murray Darling Basin covers enormous areas of land in Qld, NSW, Victoria, SA. Water movement and river flow cannot be further compromised by any further damming of waters upstream.

The system is complex and beautiful. It demands our reverence and care. It demands big picture management of all issues to all peoples across the whole area: it is not for any State to hold that political power alone.