

**Submission  
No 18**

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to this enquiry.

I am a member of Friends of the Earth Melbourne, and their expert grassroots River Country campaign.

As a Carbon Manager and sustainability practitioner in the State of Victoria, I have learnt that water is life, including all the diverse flow on impacts across land, peoples and cultures. At this critical time in our environmental history in Eastern Australia, very careful consideration and expertise is needed in order to divert or dam natural water supplies. This includes listening to and taking guidance from Aboriginal communities who have cared for Country and witnessed changes over many generations. For the future of our lands, food supplies, environment and with reference to the science relating to climate change, please reconsider the proposed dam building plans.

There are other ways of planning and utilising natural water supplies of the Murray Darling basin, in sustainable and creative ways.

With warm wishes to you as you consider the submissions that you will read and hear in person.