

Submission  
No 27

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

**Name:** Mr Peter Roche  
**Date Received:** 19 September 2020

---

I am totally against any new dams that have not had a proper business case done. I am totally against any new dams that have not had complete EIS done. I am totally against any new dams where the true cost benefit analysis has not been done. And I really do mean the Complete cost which must include damage and interference to river systems and their natural flow rates which interfere and irrevocably damage breeding regimes of Australian native fish but at the same time advantage the breeding habits of introduced species such as European Carp and English redfin.

New dams do NOT make any more rain. They merely trap and hold water that would and should flow down our river systems. Having put a price on water and selling it to the highest bidder Has RUINED and bastardized the Murray Daing Basin already. Building more dams is most likely to make the greed and corruption that pervades this current mess far worse.

I urge you to have a truly open process around ALL of these dam proposals and not to rush ANY due process. Dams change things forever and must not be hurried just to try to win elections or to curry favour from agribusiness or in an attempt to be seen to be proactively working on a solution! I suggest the true costs of these projects will far outweigh the benefits especially when public money is being used.

If you can make more rain you'll have my support. If you can't make it rain more you won't and don't have my support.