

**Submission  
No 35**

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

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As a member of the public extremely concerned but the poor water management shown by government in recent times I ask the NSW New Dams Inquiry to consider the inappropriateness of this proposed dam.

I ask you to listen to the impacted communities and their opposition - this does not seem to have been taken into consideration up to now. Public consultation is incomplete on some dam proposal yet construction seems about to start demonstrating a disregard for their voice.

Please look further than the area project and accept that the environmental impacts are vast and unaddressed - the Darling River Western weirs project has no EIS!

The business cases, EIS and hydrological reports are not publicly available and/or incomplete if they have been started.

All this points to there being no due process and the dams being rushed through.

Sacred sites and Aboriginal culture is being disregarded as sites will be destroyed, consent from Traditional Owners has not been obtained - do they comply with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984?

The environmental impact of reduced flows, river inundation, lack of EIS for downstream impacts all point to these being a poor ideas!

Projects such as these undermine the goals of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and the Menindee Lakes and Yanco Creek projects are possibly unlawful. The funding approvals may also breach guidelines.

Altogether these projects are ill-conceived and do not serve the public best interest.

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