

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

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I demand that a full and thorough scientific evaluation be made of the impacts, environmental, financial, and cultural, be conducted into the construction of any new dam. Before money is spent the full impact of costs on taxpayers, effects on indigenous culture, the environment, and river flows must be looked at fully and world's best practice must be followed. In the USA, dams are being removed for the long term survivability and improvement of water systems and catchments. We do not want to be the country in reverse on protecting rivers and communities. All voices must be heard and not only the loudest. This inquiry should be a-political. Any project hurried through will cost Australia and the taxpayer far more than its worth. regards Dave Metzenthen.