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

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I am very concerned that dams are being rushed through without due process.

Many new dams are economically irresponsible. business cases are lacking but the total cost will be in the hundreds of millions.

Dams will damage tourism industries, downstream grazers and small irrigators. Registered aboriginal sacred sites will be destroyed at many project locations. It is yet to be known if new dam projects comply with the Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984.

There will be major environmental impact on new dam projects!!

New dams inundate river channels that are not meant to be permanently flooded.

This means there will be considerable damage to old river red gums , habitat for small fish, insects and invertebrates.

Environmental Impact Studies do not account for downstream impacts.

Thank you for taking my comments into serious consideration.