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

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My Name is Ruby Everett and I am a young person living in Central Victoria working in the field of Outdoor Education. With climate change, species extinction and resource depletion being a reality of current times we live in, I find it disgraceful that the NSW government is planning on building more infrastructure which will create more harm to an already fragile ecosystem.

At the end of last year, I went on a three-week slow journey on canoe down the Murray River with my University, studying various human impacts on an array of diverse ecosystems. I was horrified at what I discovered and the lack of consideration that the Government is taking in terms of the environmental and cultural impact that infrastructure projects and water diversion is having on the Murray-Darling Basin.

It is vitally important that a thorough and in-depth inquiry takes place into the proposed New Water Infrastructure in the Murray Darling Basin, including the Wyangala Dam Wall Raising, the Mole River Dam and the Dungowan Dam. These projects will have severe damaging effects on the environment, stopping water from reaching endangered wetland areas; will destroy registered, sacred Aboriginal sites; will undermine the outcomes that the Murray-Darling Basin Plan is trying to achieve; and much, much more.

Please ACT NOW to stop this atrocity from occurring.