

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit my submission. I believe before any more development occurs on the Barwon/Darling river system, public meetings must be held in townships along the river to explain to the locals what the government plans to do in relation to weirs along this system. The government cannot use Covid as a reason not to hold these meetings. All such proposals must be delayed until this is done. More weirs on the rivers are not the answer. At a river meeting held years ago in Brewarrina, a young participant told the meeting 'Stopping the rivers natural flow with weirs is like putting a tournique on you arm. It stops the natural flow of life giving blood. Weirs stop the life sustaining flows to the river systems below.

Humans have to work with Nature not try and control her for our own survival and in so doing cause the extinction of many other species of life. Surely at our stage of evolution we have the compassion and intelligence to adopt life styles that allow all other life forms to co-exist with us. This is the challenge we need to rise to I think.