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

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We, the committee here at Latrobe Environmental Action Forum in Central Victoria, are outraged at the proposal for these dams. We ask three things: Consider others, consider the minority, and consider the earth that cannot speak, but will certainly speak back at you in the future, when it can no longer support itself, support animals, support plants, nor support us as human species. You cannot blame her for this, you have but only yourself to blame. Whatever you do to the earth, befalls yourself, or your sons and daughters. Sustainable, regenerative, caretakers. Think. Deeper. Than. Your. Profits. and. Pockets.

There is no need for further dams. We cannot expect to see long term benefits from this sort of infrastructure. Short term, potentially, long term, a significant no. Decline in habitat, environmental health, migratory fish, water flows that will impact Country above and below the dam, etc. You know these things. Get your hands out of your deep pockets and think long term, think changing other actions so we don't need to rely on MORE infrastructure, think more simple, live more simply. It is a privilege that we and you must acknowledge, otherwise you are guilty of feeding environmental and human health decline.