INQUIRY INTO PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL

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To whom it may concern,

I have always loved the tracks and open places of the Blue Mountains, we are so fortunate to have this protected space close to Sydney for everyone to enjoy.

I have friends who live just at the start of the Blue Mountains at Kurrajong Heights they have seen first- hand the rapid almost rampant development in the western Sydney area just at the base of the mountains.

To raise the dam wall just to "protect" future development on a flood plain is in my opinion...madness.

I must say NO to raising the dam wall.

In Lismore in the far north coast, they allowed development on a flood plain, well it did not survive a flood, the council had to rethink building on a flood plain...not a good idea. So, why are you doing this to allow more building on a flood plain, can you hold back the water if and when there is a really a big flood, the dam gets too full and has to be released??

The cultural sites that this increased dam level would drown as well as the World Heritage national park, a UNESCO listed and recognised, must be protected.

Is all this going to be ignored as well, because it is too late once it is under water it is gone for good!

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