

SUBURB –

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To The Project Team

Submission - Warragamba Dam Raising Project-SSI-8441

Name

Suburb

Please do not publish my name or my suburb.

I OBJECT to this Proposal

My reasons for objection (As detailed below)

Justification is questionable.

Facilitating downstream flood mitigation will not be achieved.

If floodplain flooding is a concern the top priority must be undertaken to cease all Housing developments in floodplain areas of the Penrith, Hawkesbury, and Blacktown Council Areas immediately.

Where is the infrastructure to the supply of drinking water for the Sydney Area population Growth?

Why are cemeteries being approved near Nepean River that may affect drinking water quality in times of flooding.?

Why are flight paths to Badgerys Creek Airport permitted in close proximity to Sydney's major drinking water supply?

The Blue Mountains World Heritage Listing cannot be relocated however housing developments on the floodplains can be relocated or stopped.

I declare I have not and will not make any political donations reportable or not.

Details and explanation of my concerns.

Having lived for 38 years in close proximity to where Werrington Creek meets South Creek I can assure you flood waters cannot read the Council Flood Maps and do not go where Council say they should go. Recent flooding in Orchard Hills, Dunheved, Jordan Springs, Werrington, Llandilo and Shane Park are clear examples of this.

The justification that it is needed for flood mitigation is “bulls..t”.

“Bulls..t (as described by Tom Butler-Bowdon) pervades our culture and we need to know how it is different to lying. Bulls..t is an attempt to deliberately mislead and yet stops short of an outright lie.

Bulls..tting however, particularly when it extends beyond individuals to organisations and governments, is perverse, a corruption of humanity.”

As shown by the recent floods, floodwaters occur from rivers other than Nepean River and for example the new bridge at Windsor could not cope with the water levels that arose. Raising the dam level will not eliminate this downstream flooding.

From a public point of view why was the Marsden Park Housing Development approved to permit to redirect floodplain floodwaters downstream and upstream and now flooding a concern and Warragamba Dam MUST be raised for flood mitigation. This lacks consistency. All Housing Development at Marsden Park should be halted permanently whether the dam wall is raised or not.

The Housing Planning has been implemented to increase the Sydney population to double from 4 million to possibly 9 million. What and where is the infrastructure to provide this increased requirement of drinking water (especially in times of droughts). Rainwater Tanks may provide some water but not drinking Water.

In recent years Wallacia has been the recommended site for new cemeteries and after the drinking water contamination in the 1990’s caused by buried animal carcasses, seepage occurred into the drinking water. Any possibility of seepage from cemeteries in times of flooding near and about Bents Basin may affect Sydney’s drinking water quality and possible flooding must be eliminated.

Another concern of mine is the possible jettison from aeroplanes from the flight paths to and from the Nancy Bird Airport at Badgerys’ Creek which is in very close proximity to Sydney’s major drinking water supply.

To have one of our sites listed as World Heritage Listings such as the Blue Mountains, these sites should be saved for future generations and not lost to housing developments that can be relocated closer to existing public infrastructure and not built on FLOODPLAINS.

All major infrastructure projects to support Sydney’s population should be spread out and in separate locations.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment



