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Submission sent by email only to: [warragamba.damEIS@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:warragamba.damEIS@dpie.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Assessment Team,

**Submission – Warragamba Dam Raising Project – SSI – 8441 – Preferred Infrastructure Report and Response to Submissions Report**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Warragamba Dam Raising Project (**the Proposal**) Preferred Infrastructure Report (**PIR**) and Submissions Report.

BirdLife Australia is an independent non-partisan science-based bird conservation charity with over 300,000 supporters. Our primary objective is to conserve and protect Australia's native birds and their habitat. Our organisation is the national partner of BirdLife International, the world's largest conservation partnership.

BirdLife Australia has a long history of collaborating with the Federal and NSW Governments, researchers, community groups, landowners, and the corporate sector to implement on-ground conservation projects to recover threatened bird populations and protect their habitat, including Regent Honeyeaters through our Woodland Birds Program.

BirdLife Australia strongly opposes the Proposal due to the unacceptable impacts the Proposal will have on woodland-dependent bird species, especially the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater.

BirdLife Australia is deeply disappointed that the PIR minimises the concerns we raised on the draft Environmental Impact Statement. Furthermore, we are disappointed that the PIR fails to address our specific concerns regarding the survey effort for Regent Honeyeater and the impacts to two recently nationally listed threatened woodland-dependent birds; the Gang-gang Cockatoo and South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo, which breed in the Proposal's impact area and were significantly impacted by the 2019/20 bushfires.

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Finally, the Submissions Report incorrectly attributes a "Sample Submission" to BirdLife Australia. While, BirdLife Australia agrees with the comments in this "Sample Submission" they should not be attributed as a formal submission by BirdLife Australia. This mistake further demonstrates how BirdLife Australia's concerns have been downplayed and minimised during this process. We have attached our original comments to the draft EIS dated 17 December 2021 for your reference.

Please contact BirdLife Australia NSW Woodland Bird Program Manager, Mick Roderick ([mick.roderick@birdlife.org.au](mailto:mick.roderick@birdlife.org.au)) with any enquiries relating to this submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'S. Vine'.

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Disclaimer: BirdLife Australia has not made a reportable political donation in the past two years.