



Make a submission to the Warragamba Dam Raising EIS

The NSW Government is proposing to raise the walls of the Warragamba Dam in the foothills of the Blue Mountains and is calling for public comments on the Environmental Impact Statement.

If the NSW Government approves the proposal, huge areas of World Heritage-listed National Park and culturally significant land in the Blue Mountains and thousands of hectares of Critically Endangered Regent Honeyeater breeding habitat



would be at risk of
extended flooding
and potential
destruction.

Making a
submission is easy.
You can find a
helpful guide
including comments
you can make
below.

Photo: Regent Honeyeater by Dean
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Submission Guide

How to make a submission:

1. Visit the [NSW Government's Planning Portal Warragamba Dam Raising Proposal Page](#).
2. Click **Make a Submission**.
3. Login or register a new account if needed.
Note: If you register a new account you will receive a verification email.
4. Click whether you are making a personal submission or on behalf of an organisation or group.

5. Indicate if you have made a reportable political donation. **Note:** this is to comply with NSW transparency laws on planning projects.
6. Indicate whether you oppose or support the project or are just making comments.
7. Fill in your submission in the Your Comments section. **Note:** see what to include and suggested comments below.
8. Once you are happy with your submission and accept the terms and conditions press Submit.
9. **Optional but important:** Let us know that you put in your submission by completing our form at the bottom of this page. This is the only way we can track and measure how many people have taken action and will help us demonstrate the number of people concerned when we meet with decision makers about this issue.

What to include in your submission:

- Your name and where you live.
- A brief sentence or two about why this issue is important to you.
- Specific comments on the content of the draft EIS (see below).

Comments you could make:

- I strongly oppose the proposal to raise Warragamba Dam due to the project's unacceptable potential impacts on the environment including to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and threatened species.
- The draft EIS concludes that the project poses potential significant impacts to contemporary breeding habitat for the

Regent Honeyeater that “cannot be avoided or minimised.”

- The Regent Honeyeater is listed as Critically Endangered at both a state and federal level, with as few as 350 individuals remaining in the wild.
- Modelling by BirdLife Australia suggested that up to 50% of contemporary Regent Honeyeater foraging and breeding habitat was burnt in the 2019/20 bushfires. Protecting remaining unburnt breeding habitat is of the highest conservation priority.
- There are only a handful of contemporary breeding sites for Regent Honeyeater and during the assessment of the project a total of twenty one (21) Regent Honeyeaters, including active nests, were recorded within the impact area.
- Any breeding habitat is considered *habitat critical for survival* of the species under the National Recovery Plan for Regent Honeyeater and it states “*It is essential that the highest level of protection is provided to these areas and that enhancement and protection measures target these productive sites*”.
- The destruction or degradation of a contemporary breeding site for Regent Honeyeaters would have dire consequences for the species as a whole.
- The destruction and degradation of breeding habitat for Regent Honeyeaters is incongruous with the time and money that the Federal and NSW Governments have invested into the recovery program, including the Regent Honeyeater Captive Breeding and Release program.
- **It is unacceptable and inconsistent with the National Recovery Plan for any**

avoidable loss or degradation of breeding habitat to occur.

- I strongly oppose the Project's offset strategy for the Regent Honeyeater.
- Offsets are rarely an appropriate response to proposed biodiversity loss and especially for critical habitat for the survival of a species, in this case breeding habitat for the Critically Endangered Regent Honeyeater.
- There is no evidence that breeding habitat for Regent Honeyeaters can be successfully offset and any offsets would be unlikely to provide direct benefits for both the local affected population and the species.



Image: Regent Honeyeater by
Dean Ingwersen

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your concerns about
this important issue!**

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and paste your
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have put in a
submission we can
demonstrate the
number of bird and

nature lovers
concerned about this
proposal when we
meet with decision
makers and
politicians.

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I made a submission!

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