

Submission on Warragamba Dam Raising Project – SS-8441 50301210.

I wish to register my objection to this project, based on the following.

Raising the Dam wall a further 14 meters for flood mitigation will flood a further 4,700 hectares of Warragamba catchment and 65 km of wild rivers and destroy the remaining Aboriginal Sacred Sites. We don't want to hear "sorry", we want to keep our ancestors' land from being destroyed through further flooding.

This project will destroy thousands of hectares of the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park and threaten native fauna and flora. What is the purpose of having World Heritage Sites if the current government can annul it, at its discretion?

The world cried with us when the recent bush fires killed millions of native animals, birds and plant life. Now the Liberal State Government wishes to further flood our valley.

Does the current government want to raise the wall for the purpose of saving people lives or creating more land for residential housing for profit?

Outside the Warragamba catchment area there are numerous estuaries running into the Nepean/Hawkesbury River which would cause flooding on the floodplains. Flooding would also come from the run off/storm water from the floodplains of new housing estates, overflowing of private swimming pools and storm water tanks.

Will the cost of raising Warragamba Dam wall with interest of say 2% over 5-10 years (time to build the wall) out weight the cost of other ways of flood mitigation?

De cluttering and dredging the Nepean/Hawkesbury River where it regularly floods as well as the government buying back the houses built on the floodplain may partly solve the flood mitigation plan.

The government should look at building up instead of further out re: having residential and commercial premise's built over railway stations would stop a lot of road congestion, noise and pollution.

Keep the floodplains for our native wildlife, have Nature Reserves and community-friendly parklands and community gardens, for people to enjoy.

Please dismiss this current dam extension proposal.

I do not believe it will solve the Nepean/Hawkesbury flooding problem and it would be a waste of Government spending.

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