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To Whom It May Concern

I wish to object to the proposal to raise the Warragamba Wall.

My objections are:

- there is still a considerable amount of history related to the Burratorang Valley that will be in the area of inundation. When the dam was built a whole community was uprooted and to have the last remains of that history lost, would be unthinkable.
- 1541 sites of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage have been identified including indigenous cave art galleries, occupation and burial sites and these should be protected
- the proposal has the potential to damage 57000 hectares on National Park, 1300 hectares of World Heritage Area and 60 kilometres of wilderness area. We must value our environment more.
- the area is the habitat of the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater. Dr Ross Crates, an expert on the honeyeater, indicates the lake's edge is a critical breeding ground for the species and the inundation would surely diminish their numbers further.
- The area includes the Kowmung River, noted for its pristine condition and protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

In conclusion we should not be undertaking a proposal that has so much potential to damage our built and natural heritage.

I have not made any political donations in the last 2 years, in fact not ever.

Bev Batros