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## Submission on the raising of Warragamba Dam

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I have bushwalked in the Blue Mountains for over seventy years. I have walked in the area now flooded by the existing dam and walked the Kowmung and Cocks Rivers countless times. These beautiful rivers will be damaged.

These are special places to have so close to a major city like Sydney and is renowned the world over. This has been acknowledged by inscribing the Blue Mountains on the UNESCO World Heritage list in 2000.

I am concerned that alternatives to raising the dam wall have not been considered in the EIS and that putting more people on the floodplain will most likely cause more damage to property and increase the chance of lives lost in floods that will still happen.

There has been no cost benefit analysis provided in the EIS to be able to weigh up alternative strategies.

It has not been shown that it will protect people and houses on the floodplain. It will destroy valuable habitat for several endangered and critically endangered species including the critically endangered Regent honeyeater.

The EIS does not consider the environment post the 2019-20 fires in the Blue Mountains and the survey of aboriginal heritage appears to be inadequate.

I understand the Gundungghara traditional owners have not given, free, prior and informed consent to the destruction of their heritage.

An estimated 65 kilometres of wilderness rivers and 5,700 hectares of national park of which 1,300 hectares are within the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, would be inundated by any raising of the dam wall.

I strongly oppose the raising of the dam wall. There needs to be a proper assessment of other means of protecting people living on the

floodplain including offering buy-back of properties, not putting more development in flood prone areas and ensuring better egress from the area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert Pallin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'P'.

Robert Pallin