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Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements
Productivity Commission
Locked Bag 2
Collins St East
Melbourne Vic 8003

Dear Commissioners Coppel & Chester,

In response to the Productivity Commission Draft Report into National Disaster Funding, I write to you as the Mayor of Hawkesbury City Council, an area of real danger to national disaster due to fire and flood.

I write today in support of the report's comments in Volume II, that the cost-benefit analysis for mitigation in the Hawkesbury floodplain will have enormous impact on our area. The raising of Warragamba Dam wall in NSW by 23 metres will produce the net value of flood costs from \$4.1 billion to \$1.1 billion and with the estimated Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) up to 8.5 must certainly be advanced. Not only is there a benefit in relief and clean-up costs, but added to loss of production as well as trauma, inconvenience, stress and psychological impacts. Not to mention the loss of community, physical injury and death.

I formally submit that the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall by 26 metres meets the terms of reference and in particular, to mitigation in nationally occurring rapid onset events and cause a serious disruption to a community or region such as flood.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Yours sincerely,

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