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### **All shovels in the soil to raise Wyangala**

Cr John Medcalf OAM, Chair of Central NSW JO, welcomes the Deputy Prime Minister's comments on Wyangala Dam wall raising yesterday morning.

"As the weather gets drier during climate change with intermittent huge storm events, we know we must be in the game of having more water storage. We need to be smarter with water and make the investments like Israel that stretch every drop," said Cr Medcalf.

"The NSW Government has stepped up to the plate and is working towards raising the Wyangala dam wall. It's great to see that the Federal government is interested in providing co-funding for the dam once the project is well underway," said Cr Medcalf.

"The region supports investment in long-term options that offer substantive improvements in security and reliability of water for town, agricultural, industrial and mining needs," said Cr Medcalf.

The Federal Budget on Tuesday night announced through the \$3.5 billion National Water Grid Fund the Government is providing \$258 million to fund new dams.

The proposed upgrade of Wyangala Dam will see the dam wall raised by 10 metres to increase its capacity by 650 gigalitres, and additional 53% storage for the towns in the Lachlan River catchment including Cowra, Forbes, Parkes, Condobolin, and Lake Cargelligo as well as flood management benefits well into the future.

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