

# LIVING ON THE BELUBULA

## Growing up on the Belubula

Being born and raised in Carcoar which sits on the banks of the Belubula, I was lucky enough to have my family home back onto this river. I have so many fond memories of the river, cooling off in summer with a few other local kids, my Dad teaching my brother I how to fish as well as barbeques on Christmas. These memories are so special to me as a Carcoar local and one day in the future I hope to provide the same opportunities to my children.

## Recreation and Tourism

Only a small drive North East is Carcoar Dam- during the warmer months is bustling with young families and grey nomads, all who enjoy the dam and stimulate the local economy. Local school Kinross Wolaroi use the dam for rowing practice, the dam also has a sailing club which run a program for people with disabilities as well as Central West locals kayaking, fishing and water skiing.

## Water Security

Now more than ever water security should be taken seriously, over 12 months ago I visited a small town in far North-West NSW where the river had almost run dry and the kangaroos were too poor to jump fences- getting there feet caught and hanging until they died. The town was baron the the locals were depressed with despair. It would break my heart if my little town turned out that way because a big mining company plugged the springs the feed my river or polluted what was left of it during the drought.

## In Conclusion



I firmly believe this project should not go ahead, our river is far more valuable than the recourse Regis will be removing from the ground. The water is life for the farmers, locals, tourists and the wildlife, gold is excess- money in the hip pocket of big business through compromising our "life".

I have seen the Belubula river in flood where the low level bridge could not been seen and the flats either side of the river were covered in water, I have seen my river in drought where the water sits stagnant but one thing I hope I never have to see is a polluted river or dam- the kids will no longer play, the fish, the ducks, yabbies and the birds will slowly disappear, the farms down stream will no longer have a water source for the cattle, the school kids, the grey nomads and the disabled will no longer have a safe place to gather and socialise- these may seem like small, insignificant things to a big business but it is what makes a community special, it is the bare necessities as a human, in the end it is our right to water- clean water.

