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## **Media Release**

### **Crowds turn out for the Gin Gin Community Day.**

Over one hundred concerned members of the community turned out on Sunday to Gin Gin weir to see for themselves how high the maximum water level would be should the new proposed Gin Gin dam go ahead.

The crowd included members of the Aboriginal community, floodplain graziers, downstream water users, irrigators and interested people from Dubbo, Mudgee, Orange and further afield.

"We're really happy with the turn out, it exceeded my expectations. The day had a relaxed atmosphere, as we shared a BBQ and a chat, as families swam in the river and fished. It's a special place on the river that means a lot to the community." Mr Tony Lees, Trangie Aboriginal Land Council.

String lines had been placed eight and a half metres, or two and a half stories above the popular fishing site, to show how deep the water would be if the proposed dam was at full capacity. The impact was startling.

"The string lines really showed what the impact of the proposed super weir would be. Reading about the height of the gates is one thing, but to see with our own eyes how much damage would be done was a real shock." Mel Gray, Healthy Rivers Dubbo

This proposal is clearly a hot issue in the community, with people wondering how the NSW Government can justify such an expensive proposal with no credible justification.

Everyone wants to see the business case for this proposal.

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