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Centroc Chair, Cr Bill West and Federal Member for Calare John Cobb continue to show support for a new dam on the Belubula.

Recently the Chair of Centroc and the Hon John Cobb, Member for Calare met to discuss a range of regional issues and priorities leading up to the Federal election.

One of these was the proposed dam on the Belubula at Cranky Rock.

“I'd like to see more water storage and security for the Central West sooner rather than later,” said Mr John Cobb, Federal Member for Calare.

“A new storage for this region is a significant priority for Central NSW Councils, not just for urban water security but for agriculture and industry. The Centroc Board welcomes the ongoing support of our member for Calare,” said Cr West, Chair of Centroc and Mayor of Cowra Council.

“Centroc continues to advocate to the State Government for engagement with Local Government and key stakeholders at a decision making level on feasibility work on a proposed new storage on the Belubula” said Cr West.

Centroc has undertaken extensive, national award winning work on urban water security completing the Centroc Water Security Study (CWSS) in 2009 identifying a range of water security solutions. This included advice on the need for more storage in the region.

Currently the State Government is investing \$1 billion in regional water security infrastructure, as detailed in the Government's Rebuilding NSW Plan committing an historic \$ \$37.9M in funding for water security projects in the Central NSW region.

The Centroc Board welcomed the State Government's engagement with Local Government on the scoping of potential sites and continues to advocate to be part of the more detailed investigations.

It is understood that phase 2 of the dam investigation is about to officially commence. This will include feasibility studies as well as a cost-benefit analysis to more precisely calculate the water



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security needs of the region and identify how a new dam could be optimised with other complementary options to meet the region's water security needs.

"For regional communities water is our most valuable resource. Investment in essential and new regional infrastructure that secures this resource is a good investment in the future of our communities." said Cr West.

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