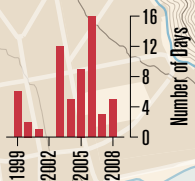
TIMELINE OF
K'ARA K'ARA LANDFILL
COCHABAMBA - BOLIVIA

K'ara K'ara landfill established 1987

Residents' protests and landfill blockade 1999

Revealed groundwater contamination 1999

Number of days of landfill blockade due to protests



Improved infrastructure around landfill --> Increasing urban development 2003

Government mandates landfill closure 2009

Landfill closure not enforced 2010

Local authorities mandate landfill closure - closure not enforced 2015

Landfill fire – air pollution affects 2000 families 2016

River / Canal

Seasonal stream

2700 Elevation

Built up area

High risk of contamination of groundwater

K'ara K'ara landfill



1 km

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