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Central NSW Council Board members are meeting with 8 State Ministers in Sydney next week to raise local and regional issues

Central NSW Councils are meeting with 8 State Ministers next week at Parliament House in Sydney next Thursday as part of a regional approach by Central NSW Councils (Centroc) to State Government” said Cr West, Chair of Centroc, Mayor of Cowra Council.

“Health, Planning, Roads, Jobs, Infrastructure, Water, Transport, Local Government Reforms and the funding framework are all on the agenda,” said Cr West.

“We are very pleased to speak to Ministers and the Treasurer,” said Cr West.

“I want to hear the aspirations and plans of our community heard and understood at the State level. The Prime Minister only last week on ABC Radio’s PM said that we need to get agreement across all levels of government on clear and measurable goals for our regions,” said Cr West.

“The Mayors of Centroc work together very well and we want to have the State come with us, support our priorities to the Federal election,” said Cr West.

“Our region is seriously transport constrained, we need water security and we need to have State and Federal policy in place to grow and prosper,” said Cr West.

“Doing more of the same is not going to effect the sort change we need to have it happen for all communities in Australia, be they in our capital cities or in our regions,” said Cr West.

“Where the talk in NSW is for 2 million more people living in western Sydney contributing to grid lock, growing congestion, paying high mortgages and having huge travel times to work, we should be planning to grow our regions,” said Cr West.

“According to a recent report by the Regional Australia Institute, every 100,000 people who choose to live outside the Capital Cities deliver savings of \$292million in congestion costs per year and \$42billion in mortgage payments over 30 years,”¹ said Cr West.

“That buys us more than our share in Inland Rail, water security and innumerable other projects.”

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¹ Deal or No Deal Region Australia Institute, April 2016 p 30