

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## ***Plan's done, work starts!***

The Centroc Chair welcomed the announcement of Regional Plan (the Plan) for the Central West and Orana by the Minister for Planning, the Hon Anthony Roberts. The launch took place at the SCT Logistics site in Parkes located on the Inland Rail Corridor.

"Infrastructure like Inland Rail is recognised in the Plan and builds on its vision for Central NSW be ***The most diverse regional economy in NSW with a vibrant network of centres leveraging the opportunities of being at the heart of NSW,***" said Cr Medcalf, Mayor of Lachlan Shire and Chair of Centroc.

"We welcome the recognition that our region's role in the State economy. Having said that we know that the outcomes of our plan will only be achieved if we work together on its implementation," said Cr Medcalf

The Plan was developed by the Western Department of Planning and Environment, in collaboration with Council representatives from around central NSW.

"29 Directions are listed in the Plan all written to support growth and quality living for the Region, health, transport, aging population, development, tourism, the environment. Every aspect has been thought of," said Cr Medcalf

"It has been intense work for nearly three years and we want to keep up the momentum in the delivery phase," said Cr Medcalf

Centroc is calling on the Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW, the Hon Rick Colless to Chair the Committee asked with implementation of the Plan. "The Hon Rick Colless reports directly into Cabinet and we believe it is imperative that implementation forms part of the fabric of government. So much work has gone into the Plan and we want it to have its best chance of success," said Cr Medcalf

"Centroc is very pleased that the Hon Rick Colless has agreed to accept this role and we have asked the Minister to confirm his appointment. This is a great opportunity for Cabinet to listen closely to the region and be with us every step of the way in implementation," said Cr Medcalf

"We thank the Minister and our Parliamentary Secretary for making the time to visit Central NSW for the launch," said Cr Medcalf

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