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## **Regional Roundtable to progress Central NSW priorities New Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW visits region**

Sarah Mitchell MLC, recently appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health and Western NSW, meet with Central NSW Council representatives in Orange yesterday to discuss the potential for a “Regional Roundtable” in September of State Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, local members, Regional Development Australia and Central NSW Councils.

Ms Mitchell was joined at the meeting by fellow Parliamentary Secretary for the Deputy Premier and Regional Roads, and State Member for Orange, Andrew Gee, the Deputy Chair of Centroc and Bathurst Mayor, Cr Gary Rush and Mayor of Orange, Cr John Davis.

“Following the election in March, a number of changes were made by the State Government to Ministerial portfolios and new Parliamentary Secretary roles were introduced, including the Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW,” said Centroc Deputy Chair Cr Gary Rush. “Our proposal is to get all the key people in a room together to co-ordinate alignment of priorities and projects.”

Ms Mitchell and Mr Gee indicated their support of the Regional Roundtable. Key issues proposed for discussion at the Round Table include decentralisation, the Regional Growth Plan, infrastructure, agriculture and Free Trade opportunities.

“We are in the fortunate position of having a number of regionally based representatives in State Parliament now with the word ‘regional’ in their titles,” said Cr Rush. “It makes sense to leverage that regional base and ensure we are all working together.”

“We were impressed and encouraged by how supportive Ms Mitchell is,” said Cr Rush. “She is keen to take a key role in the Regional Roundtable in her capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW.”

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