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The community's voice on the reform of CMAs LHPAs and the DPI will be heard.

With solid attendance from Mayors, General Managers, Centroc, agencies and the community, it was clear that there is a mood for a better understanding of the amalgamation of CMAs the DPI and LHPAs. Further, the meeting resolved to come together to provide direction on further action after the workshop in Weddin in February where State representatives will hopefully both provide answers to questions and take on board local concerns.

"We will be there to listen where at the moment there is just not enough detail on these reforms to really comment on. Boundaries is a big issues, but services are just as if not more important. You have to look at these things holistically," said Mayors Ron Penny of Forbes and Ken Keith of Parkes, co-Chairing the meeting.

The meeting agreed that the new entities should provide services across regions west of the Divide broadly along river catchments, like the Lachlan, as well as Local Government boundaries.

Between now and the meeting in Weddin in February, Mayors will be talking to their communities and getting more feedback to ensure that the message from the region is clearly articulated.

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