

Central West & Orana Sport and Active Recreation Plan

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The Hon. Stuart Ayres, MP
Minister for Sport
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 200

Dear Minister,

Re: Central West & Orana Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2018 -2023

About the Central NSW Joint Organisation

On 11 May the NSW Governor General the Hon David Hurley, Proclaimed the Local Government Regional Joint Organisations under the Local Government Act 1993. While early days, this region sees great opportunity through having a more formalized role under the Local Government Act. Ultimately, building on the successes of Centroc, we hope to work more closely with the State Government on opportunities for this region.

About the Centroc

Central NSW Councils (Centroc) represents over 158,000 people covering an area of more than 47,000sq kms comprising the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Weddin, and Central Tablelands Water.

Centroc's vision is to be recognised as vital to the sustainable future of NSW and Australia.

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Centroc has two core objectives:

1. Regional Sustainability - Encourage and nurture suitable investment and infrastructure development throughout the region and support members in their action to seek from Governments financial assistance, legislative and/or policy changes and additional resources required by the Region.
2. Regional Cooperation and Resource Sharing – Contribute to measurable improvement in the operational efficiency and effectiveness of Member Councils through facilitation of the sharing of knowledge, expertise and resources and, where appropriate, the aggregation of demand and buying power.

The Centroc Board is made up of the 20 Mayors and General Managers of its member Councils who determine priority for the region. These priorities are then progressed via sponsoring Councils. For more advice on Centroc programming and priorities, please go to our website <http://www.centroc.com.au/>

This region has a long and strong reputation as leaders in collaboration and on 24 May became the first Joint Organisation in NSW to hold its inaugural meeting. This is noteworthy given the Plan is contemplating a collaborative approach to implementation including Joint Organisation representation.

This region welcomes the opportunity to provide input for better outcomes for its communities through the Central West & Orana Sport and Active Recreation Plan. We appreciate that the Central West & Orana Sport and Active Recreation Plan is the first of its kind and look forward to working collaboratively to deliver optimised outcomes.

We make the following recommendations

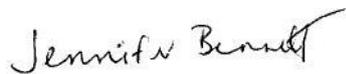
- The Plan should reference both the Central NSW & Orana by their newly proclaimed Joint Organisation names, Central NSW Joint Organisation and Orana Joint Organisation.
- A subregional approach is strongly recommended on the basis of the Joint Organisations' boundaries. That is, an Orana sub region and a Central NSW sub region. This is the approach that has been taken by the Regional Leader Executive Regional Development subcommittee and reflects the profound differences between Orana and Central NSW including pattern of settlement.
- Central NSW is very supportive of the development of a high standard "hub" sporting facility as described in the Plan. This region is of a view that facilities in Central NSW need to be of a standard to attract quality coaches to support our elite athletes.
- This region has had decades of experience working collaboratively and is acutely aware of the significant long term benefit that accrues from alignment, the reduction in duplication and other efficiencies. Collaboration does require resourcing and governance arrangements to achieve be effective. A highly successful ongoing collaboration is the Central West & Orana Regional Plan 2036. This region recommends the Department of Sport and Recreation liaise with the Department of Planning, Central NSW Councils and other key stakeholders such as the Department of Premier and Cabinet to better understand the resourcing and other implications of successful collaboration.
- Embedment and leveraging of existing governance arrangements is also important, so for example it may be possible to work with the Regional Leadership Executive to better embed the collaboration into existing arrangements and gain efficiencies.

- While there is a great deal of useful information in this plan and the region supports the overall direction, the contents read more like a long list of potential very good ideas rather than a legible pathway to achieving outcomes. It is recommended that
 1. An implementation plan be developed, preferably codesigned;
 2. This to include prioritisation, a timeframe and identification of resourcing; and
 3. Reporting and governance arrangements be developed to progress implementation. Again it is suggested the the Dept of Planning model has been working well.
- Finally, regarding the Delivery Group, this region would prefer to nominate its own delegate to this group though will provide support from the Executive Office in the short term as delivery is embedded.

Once again thank you for this great first step in a regional approach to sport infrastructure and services.

If you require further information or clarification on comments in this submission please do not hesitate to contact me jenny.bennett@centroc.com.au or on 0428 690 935.

Yours sincerely,



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