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Centroc to meet with record number of Ministers in Sydney

This week, when the Mayors and General Managers of Central NSW Councils travel to Sydney for the Centroc Board Meeting, they will meet with a record number of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, indicating Centroc's strong commitment to the priorities of Central NSW and intergovernmental collaboration.

For the past two years, the Centroc Board have met at Parliament House in Macquarie Street to discuss key regional issues with Ministers. These annual meetings have proven highly effective and beneficial in maintaining strong communication and collaboration between Macquarie Street and regional NSW.

"High on the agenda this week will be the work Centroc and Regional Development Australia Central West have done to develop a definitive Regional Priority Infrastructure Plan incorporating water, transport and community infrastructure," said Centroc Chair, Cr Bill West.

Centroc's leading role as one of only five pilot Joint Organisations selected to assist the NSW Government strengthen and reform Local Government will also feature in discussions.

"Intergovernmental collaboration is a foundation stone of our JO pilot and critical to our ability to align the priorities of Central NSW to the State," said Cr West. "Our hope is that with better State and Local Government alignment at the regional level we will be able to secure more funding and other opportunities at the Federal level."

Since the NSW election at the end of March, the State Government has undergone a number of structural changes to Ministry portfolios.

"We are looking forward to the opportunity to meet with some of the new Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries who are responsible for regional matters, and to strengthen our existing relationships with returning Ministers," said Cr West.

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“Our local elected representatives have been a great support,” said Cr West. “We acknowledge the commitment of the Member for Bathurst and Minister for Local Government, Paul Toole, and also the Member for Orange, and new Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads and the Deputy Premier, Andrew Gee.”

Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries who will meet with Centroc representatives this week include;

The Hon. Troy Grant, Deputy Premier

The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer

The Hon. Duncan Gay, MLC, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight

The Hon. Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health

The Hon. Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Primary Industries & Minister for Lands and Water

The Hon. John Barilaro MP, Minister for Regional Development, Sills and Small Business

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Roads

The Hon. Robert Stokes MP, Minister for Planning

The Hon. Paul Toole, Minister for Local Government

The Hon. Pru Goward, Minister for Mental Health

The Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Western NSW and Regional Health

The Hon. Rick Colless, Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources and Regional Planning

The Hon. Andrew Gee, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and for Regional Roads

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