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Time for fair slice for Central NSW

Chair of Centroc Councillor Ken Keith has welcomed the new policy directions floated as part of the NSW Government cabinet re-shuffle and has congratulated the two Central NSW MPs on joining the Cabinet.

“It’s good news for Central NSW to have a former Centroc Board member as the new Local Government Minister and the Member for Dubbo as the new Minister for Racing, Gaming and the Arts,” Cr Keith said. “It’s important to have a strong understanding of regional issues around the cabinet table and I congratulate Paul Toole and Troy Grant on their promotion.”

“Kevin Humphries has also shown he has a good understanding of rural communities in his former portfolio and I’m sure he’ll be bringing these abilities to bear in the new Land & Water department.”

Cr Keith also wants to see the state’s new leadership team considering giving regional areas a greater slice of government spending, when it comes to long-term infrastructure.

“The election of the new premier has also put talk of selling the state’s ‘poles and wires’ back on the agenda,” Cr Ken Keith said.

“That specific issue will be up for the government to decide, but if it goes ahead it’s crucial that NSW hangs onto the value of major assets like these by putting that investment back into serious infrastructure.”

“In this region an investment in infrastructure for water security for our urban communities is of critical importance as is the Bells Line Expressway”

“I am currently coordinating a meeting with the Chair of OROC and Duncan Gay, Minister for Roads and Freight, to progress the next stage of securing a corridor for the Bells Line Expressway. It will be great to have the support of Ministers Kevin Humphries, Troy Grant and Paul Toole in these efforts” Cr Keith said.

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