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## Jumping for joy!

The announcement this morning securing the Corridor connecting the M7 to the Bells Line of Road at Kurrajong has the Mayors of Central NSW jumping for joy. Cr John Medcalf, Chair of Centroc and Mayor of Lachlan Shire and Cr Ken Keith Portfolio Mayor for Transport for Centroc and Mayor of Parkes attended representing Central NSW.

“This is so very welcomed in Central NSW. At last we see some real action. The securing of the Corridor is the essential first step for the future development of better transport links between Sydney our communities,” Cr Medcalf said.

“To stand next to the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight as she made this historic announcement was a great privilege,” Cr Medcalf said.

“The communities of Central NSW and Western Sydney need certainty and to see direction, which is what the State Government has done,” Cr Keith said.

Cr Medcalf said transport constraints and connecting Central NSW communities to Sydney is our number one priority, especially for freight.

“It was also great to see recognition of the task ahead to build a safe swift link between Sydney and Central NSW recognised in the recent publication of the Future Transport 2056 Plan. It’s all go in Central NSW where it is clear that our voices are being heard,” Cr Medcalf said.

“Infrastructure Australia has identified that Central NSW will be in the top 7 regions in Australia for Gross Regional Product in 2031, improving our transport links will be critical to ensuring our growing contribution to the State and National economies,” Cr Keith said.

“I’m sure I speak for every Mayor of every community in our region when I say we are jumping for joy. Centroc next meet in May at Parliament House in Sydney and we will be taking the opportunity to thank the NSW Government for investing in regional NSW,” Cr Medcalf said.

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**From left to right – Mr Geoffrey Cahill TfNSW, Cr John Medcalf, Chair Centroc and Mayor of Lachlan, Clare Gardner, TfNSW, Hon Melinda Pavey, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Cr Ken Keit Executive Centroc and Mayor of Parkes**



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**Picture two of two Cr Ken Keith, Executive of Centroc and Mayor of Parkes, The Hon Melinda Pavey, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight; Cr John Medcalf, Chair of Centroc and Mayor of Lachlan Jumping for Joy!**

