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Centroc Mayors to Parliament House

“Centroc (Central NSW Councils) represents 15 Councils in Central NSW. This is an area the same size as Tasmania with a bigger GDP. We work together on matters that are important to our communities,” said Cr Keith, Chair of Centroc.

Representing the region, Mayors from 15 Councils will attend Centroc Board meeting scheduled for this Thursday, 29 May 2014, held in Parliament House Sydney.

“The meeting is taking place on a Parliamentary sitting day and allows our members to have direct access to a number of ministers during the course of the day,” said Cr Keith.

“Being able to do this should be beneficial to Centroc as we play our part in assisting the NSW Government in their efforts to develop regional areas through their policy of decentralisation,” said Cr Keith.

“At the meeting we will be able to raise the issues of the region with relevant State Ministers. This is being co-ordinated by Andrew Gee, the Member for Orange,” said Cr Keith.

“This is the second time we have gone to Parliament House and we would like to take the opportunity to thank the State for its delivery on commitments from last year and to raise issues around health, roads, water security, regional development and tourism,” said Cr Keith.

“I would like to thank Mr Gee for his efforts, which has resulted in round tables with Ministers for the day,” said Cr Keith.

“I am especially pleased that Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner has accepted our invitation to officially open proceedings,” said Cr Keith.

“Like the other Mayors of the region I am also looking forward to seeing the Hon Paul Toole, Minister for Local Government. He was also on the Centroc Board when Mayor of Bathurst and I know this region is very interested in his views on Local Government reform,” said Cr Keith.

“We are also working with the Hon John Cobb to hold a similar round table in Canberra. We hope to take feedback from the State meeting to the Federal meeting,” said Cr Keith.

“The State and Federal Governments like to see Councils working together. We Mayors do that really well on the Centroc Board and so I hope to capitalise on this to get the infrastructure and services our community needs,” said Cr Keith.



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