

MACQUARIE RIVER TO ORANGE PIPELINE SUBMISSION

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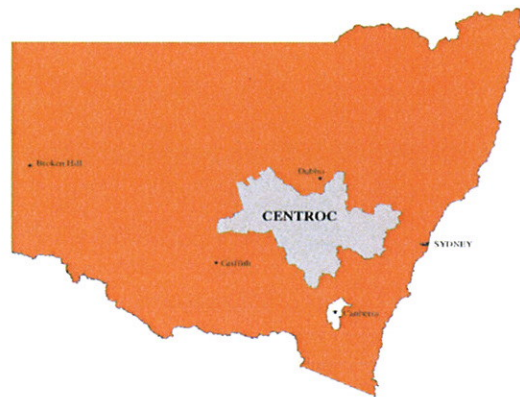
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NSW Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
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Re: Support for Macquarie River To Orange Pipeline

Centroc is writing in support of Orange City Council's Macquarie River to Orange Pipeline Project currently before NSW Planning and Infrastructure.

Central NSW Councils (Centroc) represents over 236,000 people covering an area of more than 70,000sq kms comprising the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Boorowa, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Harden, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Upper Lachlan, Weddin, Wellington, Young and Central Tablelands Water.



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Centroc has two 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 34 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 and download our annual report at centroc.com.au/publications

In 2008, Centroc received funding from the NSW Department of Water and Energy for a water security study to investigate potential solutions to improve water supply security across the region. The study was carried out by MWH. The study had two components:

Component 1 - An audit of existing infrastructure for bulk water supply

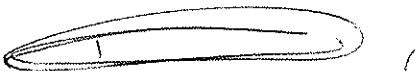
Component 2 - An options paper for improving water supply security

The paper assessed the feasibility of water supply security options considering environmental, social and economic objectives. In relation to Orange, the study identified significant shortcomings in the city's water supply and identified the Macquarie River to Orange Pipeline Project as a solution to those shortcomings.

At a Centroc meeting in 2009 the above mentioned Councils unanimously endorsed the Centroc Water Security Study and its findings. Centroc continues to work through the options in the study to deliver water security across the region. The Macquarie River to Orange Pipeline Project is a critical step in delivering that regional water security.

Please contact the Centroc Executive Officer Ms Jennifer Bennett on 0428 690 935 for any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair
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