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### **Central NSW Councils Building Capacity through Shared Experience in Energy Efficient Water Management**

Water Managers from 14 Central NSW Councils are meeting today to share what they know about water loss management in their reticulation networks and its impact on energy usage.

“The development of a regional water loss management program including a guidance toolkit is part of the *Nexus between Water and Energy* project that has been delivered by Centroc member councils over the past 18 months,” said Cr Bill West, Chair of Centroc.

“Through the collaborative efforts of the Centroc Water Utilities Alliance, Councils including Forbes, Blayney, Bathurst, Boorowa, Cabonne, Cowra, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Upper Lachlan, Weddin, Young and Harden, and Central Tablelands Water, have received Australian Government support for an innovative program of works aimed at increasing the energy efficiency of 35 of the region’s water and waste water pump stations through reduction in system infiltration.”

“The pumping of water requires a lot of electricity and has a significant impact on Council’s budgets. Efforts to improve efficiencies by reducing the pump load caused by infiltration to the reticulation network will reduce energy usage and the cost of providing these essential services to our communities,” said Cr West.

“As a pilot Joint Organisation of Councils under the State Government’s *Fit for the Future* initiative, Centroc, through its Water Utilities Alliance, provides operational support to its members building their capacity through shared learning. Today’s workshop will build capacity in understanding water loss management providing the tools needed to address the issue in a local context.”

“We are pleased to be working in partnership with the Australian Government on this great initiative,” said Cr West.

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