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## **CENTRAL NSW COUNCILS TAKE REGIONAL PRIORITIES TO CANBERRA**

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Thirty Mayors, General Managers and Councillors representing the combined Central NSW Councils (Centroc) area, will meet with federal government ministers at Parliament House in Canberra next week to progress issues of core importance to the future growth and development of Central NSW.

Being co-ordinated with the help of the Hon John Cobb, Member for Calare, matters to be discussed at the Centroc Board meeting on Tuesday 26 August will include long term water security for the Central NSW region, the ongoing challenge of access to health facilities and workforce, international agricultural competitiveness, and continued funding for regional roads and infrastructure.

“Councils are the front line of regional communities,” said Chair of Centroc, Councillor Ken Keith. “As such, we are willing and able to assist state and federal governments in making decisions which affect regional communities.”

“Regional councils and communities are progressive, pro-active and solutions drive,” said Councillor Keith. “We look for long term, sustainable outcomes to the big issues that affect us. Out here, we are the guardians of our communities, our agriculture and our environment.”

Centroc represents over 220,000 people across 64,000 square kilometres of Central NSW. Comprising the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Boorowa, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Upper Lachlan, Weddin, Young and Central Tablelands Water, Centroc’s vision is to be recognised as vital to the sustainable future of NSW and Australia. Centroc is a lead organisation advocating on agreed regional positions and priorities for Central NSW which provides a forum for facilitating regional cooperation, sharing of knowledge, expertise and resources.

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