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## **A fresh approach to meaningful collaboration; Centroc to meet with State Parliament next month**

Central NSW Councils (Centroc) will take the region's priorities, and a fresh new approach to collaboration, directly to the government next month when it meets at Parliament House in Sydney for its May Board Meeting.

For the past two years, the board have met at Parliament House in Macquarie Street to discuss key regional issues with Ministers. These annual meetings have proven highly effective and beneficial in maintaining strong communication and collaboration between Macquarie Street and regional NSW.

"We are very grateful for the support of the Minister for Local Government, Member for Bathurst Paul Toole," said Cr West. "As the Minister responsible for local government reform, Paul Toole has a very keen understanding of the importance of collaboration and alignment at all levels of government."

"We are looking forward to meeting with Ministers to discuss the critical role local government can play in aligning local, state and federal priorities," said Cr West. "There is a real need, at both state and federal level, for a more detailed understanding of our communities and their needs. Our hope is that with better State and Local Government alignment at the regional level we will be able to secure more funding and other opportunities at the Federal level. We all need to be working on the same page."

"Our state representatives share our knowledge of community and desire to make a difference," said Cr West. "There are many excellent examples of local and state government collaborating to achieve infrastructure and services for our region. We want to expand on those."

Invitations have been sent to regional MPs and State Ministers to address the Centroc Board when they meet in Sydney, including the new Minister for Primary Industries, Land and Water, Niall Blair, the new Minister for Regional Development, John Barilaro, and the new Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Andrew Constance.

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