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Leaders in Central NSW positive about a new way of doing business with the State Government on Water Security

The Chair of Central NSW Joint Organisation of Council (CNSWJO), Cr John Medcalf, OAM chaired a meeting with key local government leaders from the region and representatives from Public Works Advisory, the Department of Regional NSW and DPIE Water last week.

“We were very pleased that the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Melinda Pavey chose Orange to launch its new era in water management,” said Cr Medcalf, Chair of the Central NSW Joint Organisation and Mayor of the Lachlan Shire Council.

“This region’s Councils have worked together since 2006 on collaborative solutions to secure water for our communities.”

“We have seen the need for a better State response since the Millennium Drought and have been advocating for new ways of doing business since that time,” says Cr Medcalf.

“This region working collaboratively has won national engineering awards for its work in town water security and has been at the forefront of innovation and implementation of infrastructure and demand management initiatives. It’s good to see this collaboration recognised.”

“It is imperative that we have the right people at the right time in the right place to continue the work required to secure water leading into the next drought. The right time is now.”

“The commitments from Dr Jim Bentley, Deputy Secretary of DPIE Water to return to the region within six months with answers to some of the really challenging problems we have had for 15 years was really encouraging.”

“At the moment our focus is very much on working with the State Government on solutions that will ensure our communities have water security to prosper well into the future.”

“We know it will be a long road, but we must take the first step and we must take it together in a true partnership with local government represented at the decision making table,” says Cr Medcalf.

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