

Draft State Significant Agricultural Land Map

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**CENTRAL NSW
JOINT ORGANISATION**

- Bathurst
- Blayney
- Cabonne
- Cowra
- Forbes
- Lachlan
- Oberon
- Orange
- Parkes
- Weddin



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To whom it may concern,

Re: Draft State Significant Agricultural Land Map

Local Government Regional Joint Organisations (JOs) were proclaimed in May 2018 under the NSW Local Government Act 1993. The Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) represents over 200,000 people covering an area of more than 50,000sq kms comprising the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Weddin, and Central Tablelands Water.

Tasked with intergovernmental cooperation, leadership and prioritisation, JOs have consulted with their stakeholders to identify key strategic regional priorities. Please go to the CNSWJO website at <https://www.centraljo.nsw.au> for more information.

Central NSW describes itself as a vibrant region of changing seasons with an agricultural heart. Agricultural lands and their management are vital to this vision.

Where member councils will provide their own submissions regarding the specifics of mapping in their lgas, as a region concern has been expressed as to *how* this mapping will be used. CNSWJO representatives have raised concern on this during the online consultations sessions and it is understood that the use of this mapping has not been determined at this stage.

It is CNSWJO policy that communities must retain control over land use. Where high quality mapping would be an excellent input to local decision making on land use it should not be used to reduce or remove community control over development.

Please contact me on 0428 690 935 for more information.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Bennett

Executive Officer

Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO)

The Central NSW JO speaks for over 157,000 people covering an area of more than 47,000sq kms comprising of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, and Weddin.