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JOINT ORGANISATION

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### Time to do things differently

“The Central NSW Joint Organisation Board have resolved to ramp up advocacy as a region to speak with one voice on the priority issues,” said Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor of Cabonne Council and Chair of Central NSW Joint Organisation.

“As local representatives closest to our communities, regardless of who wins the election in May, my fellow Mayors and I will continue to ensure our priorities are on the table,” said Cr Beatty.

A delegation from CNSWJO recently met at Federal Parliament and heard the Government’s budget priorities commitments for the region. With the upcoming election the delegation also took the opportunity to meet with representatives of the opposition to share the regions vision for the future.

“We will meet with the incoming Government in June and bring them the real stories of our region. We will bring them solutions and an offer of genuine partnership,” said Cr Beatty.

“We know that by doing things differently we will get different results. Have a look at the incredibly successful activation precinct in Parkes. We need more of this. Through sound leadership the Dutch have been able to double their agricultural output while halving their inputs. We have a terminal river system on the Lachlan and need to think about it differently,” said Cr Beatty.

“Strategies by the State government have focussed on the hub and spoke models from our bigger centres. This overlooks the opportunities for development from leveraging the rich pattern of settlement in our region where the larger centres are so close to each other and we have a network of larger towns through to smaller villages,” said Cr Beatty.

“All our communities experiencing skills and housing shortages as a result of the recent remarkable growth in this region. Regional digital connectivity, water security, exciting opportunities in the waste and circular economy and ensuring health workforce are all on the table. Key to our communities is ensuring local government representation as the most accountable politicians in the country are at the decision making table with all three levels of government,” said Cr Beatty.

“Our region sees real opportunities and potential throughout regional Australia, leading to a more productive, more balanced and more equitable Australia, for the benefit of all Australians,” said Cr Beatty.

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