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Central NSW Joint Organisation have secured \$647K for their member Councils in Central NSW for the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund

The Disaster Risk Reduction Fund has three funding streams and offers \$52 million in total across NSW to build resilience and help reduce, mitigate, and manage the risks of future disasters.

Central NSW Joint Organisation have secured \$647K in funding under the Local and Regional stream, designed to support and strongly encourage partnership and collaboration for the purpose of a larger reach to share and align benefits of strategic, targeted, place-based risk reduction projects, for sustainable and longer-term outcomes to be built upon in the future.

“Flooding and storm damage are the most serious natural disaster risks that most Central NSW communities face, followed by bushfire,” said Cr Kevin Beatty

“We know the weather is changing and that we will have hotter longer droughts interspersed with more significant rain events as we have seen over the past three years,” said Cr Kevin Beatty

“For every one degree of warming there is a 7% increase in water vapour in the atmosphere, but the weather disperses this as drought for some of the globe and what is happening in Australia and New Zealand in another,” said Cr Kevin Beatty

“That is why it is important to be better prepared and with support from the State Government through the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund we will do just that,” said Cr Kevin Beatty

There are 8 Joint Organisations of Council and Regional Organisations of Council who are coordinating on strategic initiatives to strengthen long-term interconnected regional approaches to resilience across NSW.

These projects are undertaking strategic planning work that will integrate data and insights from regional risk assessments and climate projections at the regional scale, building on the previous JO experience while considering place-based approaches.

The objective of these initiatives is to proactively reduce risk and limit the impact of disasters associated with natural hazards, recognising that taking action to address the causes of disaster risk will strengthen resilience and enable communities to withstand, adapt and continue to thrive in a changing environment.

This project is funding under the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund which is jointly funded by the Australian and New South Wales governments. It is targeted at locally led initiatives to help keep communities safe in the future.

“We know that all levels of government need to coordinate to deliver the best possible outcome for our communities impacted by natural disasters and this project recognises that need.” said Cr Kevin Beatty

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