



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **CNSWJO Chair welcomes the recently announced NSW Cabinet.**

Central NSW Joint Organisation represents eleven Local Government Areas from Lithgow to Lake Cargelligo. The Board is made up of the eleven Mayors of its member Councils.

“This is a very collaborative region and we speak clearly with one voice on the priorities that matter for our communities. As Chair of the CNSWJO I welcome the recently announced NSW Cabinet,” said Cr Kevin Beatty, Chair of Central NSW Joint Organisation and Mayor of Cabonne Council.

“It is particularly pleasing to see Ministers with responsibility for Regional Health and Regional NSW,” said Cr Beatty.

“Regional NSW drives 50% of the visitor economy and it is bearing the brunt of rewiring the State to meet our net zero targets,” said Cr Beatty.

“We are also the communities most impacted by natural disasters while growing the food and mining the minerals that need to be freighted over our rain inundated and damaged roads,” said Cr Beatty.

“Regional Councils have much greater responsibilities for service delivery than our metropolitan counterparts and there is not much by way of parking meters in Central NSW to help offset the growing costs of business-as-usual let alone respond to and resource the impacts of natural disasters, which are pretty constant at the moment,” said Cr Beatty.

“Unemployment is at an all-time low in this region as the construction task keep growing whether it be for renewable energy, mining or housing. The competition for building materials is at an all-time high,” said Cr Beatty.

“Meanwhile we see hospitals still impacted by Covid. These are challenging times for any incoming government and the Councils of this region stand ready to shoulder what we can with what we have,” said Cr Beatty.

“There are always better ways of doing business and the Mayors of the region will be seeking meetings with key Ministers with responsibilities for water, roads, health, regional and local government as soon as possible,” said Cr Beatty.

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