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Central NSW Mayors welcome Minister's commitment to fair and equitable access to water

Responsive, transparent and compassionate, these are the qualities that newly appointed Minister for Water Rose Jackson has said she will bring to advocacy for our precious water resources.

"The Central NSW Joint Organisation Board welcomes this commitment to what is one this region's highest priorities," said Councillor Kevin Beatty, Chair of the Central NSW Joint Organisation.

"This region has long advocated that access to clean, safe and reliable water is a human right and we are very pleased to hear that fair and equitable access to water for communities is a major priority for the Minister and the Minns Government," said Cr Beatty.

"The Minister's commitment to dialogue with stakeholders and water users and acknowledgement of the need for strong and collaborative relationship between the community, government, departmental officials and regulators is really encouraging," said Cr Beatty.

"Our Councils have collaborated on solutions to secure water for our communities since 2006. We have a huge amount of lived knowledge and experience of managing water in Central NSW that we look forward to sharing."

"In a future where we will need to do more with less, there is a great opportunity for all levels of Government and water users to work collectively to ensure an appropriate balance is struck to manage water to meet the needs of humans, plants and animals," said Cr Beatty.

"We know our towns only use 2% of the region's water. However, that 2% is very important to our businesses, schools, homes and hospitals. Our towns and cities are important engines for the NSW economy and are growing well above State government projections," said Cr Beatty.

"From years of managing communities through some of the worst droughts and floods on record, the Mayors of Central NSW are profoundly religious when it comes to water planning and management for their communities," said Cr Beatty.

"With record growth as people relocate to regional areas, we look forward to having open and honest dialogue with the Minister on solutions that will ensure our communities have water security to support this growth and prosper well into the future," said Cr Beatty.

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