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The eleven Mayors of the region take their ideas to Canberra

On the back of the budget announcements by the Federal Government the 11 Mayors of the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board are keen to meet with Federal Ministers 25 May in Canberra.

“This region is the same size as Tasmania with half the workforce. It is important that our Federal Ministers meet with us to help inform the growing policy positions and changes to funding at the Federal level,” said Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor of Cabonne and Chair of the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board.

“Being hosted by the Hon Kristy McBain’s Office, as the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, we will meet in Parliament House. We are seeking meetings with Ministers to address the priorities of this region. The Mayors of the region agreed that the priorities for this region are Transport and Infrastructure, Regional Prosperity, Energy, Telecommunications, Health and Ageing, Water Security and Productivity,” said Cr Beatty

“This region speaks with one voice on the priorities that matter to our communities,” said Cr Beatty

“This region welcomes many of the budget measures and is keen to understand more about the Regional Investment Framework among other things,” said Cr Beatty

“We also want to reinforce our support for a safe swift and secure link between Sydney and Central NSW and raising the wall at Wyangala Dam,” said Cr Beatty

“Road funding especially for those damaged during natural disasters and over the past three years of inundating rain is also top of mind where we are hoping to see a return to Councils receiving 1% of GST. The budget has this funding at .5%,” said Cr Beatty

“Regional Australia and Central NSW in particular is bearing the brunt of the rewiring of the nation and there needs to be policy in place recognising these impacts,” said Cr Beatty

“My fellow Mayors have deep knowledge of their communities, and we welcome the opportunity to work with the Federal Government in optimizing its budget measure in Central NSW,” said Cr Beatty

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