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Central NSW Councils call for bipartisan support for regionalisation

Central NSW is seeking bipartisan commitment to regional NSW in the lead up to the upcoming election.

“We are going through a decade of massive change and regional NSW will be taking the brunt of the impacts. We need to see a corollary amount of bipartisan support leading into the State election in March,” said Cr Kevin Beatty, Chair of Central NSW Joint Organisation, Mayor of Cabonne Council.

“Regional NSW will take the brunt of the Net Zero aspirations of NSW. This is where the solar, hydro electric and wind farms will go,” said Cr Beatty.

“We also take the brunt of the shocks associated with warming temperatures, like bushfire, flood and drought,” said Cr Beatty.

“On the one hand we live in very beautiful, livable communities surrounded by nature with strong and thriving economies, on the other Councils are having to seek significant special rate variations across the State as we continue to have to do more with less and a lot more with a lot less than our metropolitan counterparts,” said Cr Beatty.

“Regionalisation needs to be supported in NSW. We know many jobs can be done from anywhere and certainly public servants should be able to live and work in regional NSW. In this region the Department of Planning is talking about 64,000 new jobs in the Central West and Orana in the next 5 years. We need to house these people and ensure they have access to the same levels of service as our metropolitan cousins,” said Cr Beatty.

“While Councils and communities in region and grappling with the un-planned for growth, Treasury continues to underestimate growth in the region with its Common Planning Assumptions. This means we get smaller hospitals, less police, fewer teachers and schools than required. At the same time the numbers for Sydney are over estimated,” said Cr Beatty.

“While there is a growing spiderweb of tunnels for improving traffic in Sydney, this region has to negotiate 40Km roads to our capital city impacted by landslips and a 200 year old convict bridge. We would love to get to Vivid at the Rocks to get our public monies worth, or a doctor, or our freight to port,” said Cr Beatty.



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“This is exacerbated by the extraordinary level of road damage from three years of rain. We are now a decade behind on our roads,” said Cr Beatty.

“The only way Central NSW and other regions of NSW will get the attention warranted is if all political parties genuinely commit to supporting regionalisation,” said Cr Beatty

“Then they need to work with us on what that looks like where the work by the Department of Regional NSW is a very good start,” said Cr Beatty

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