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### Central NSW Joint Organisation Honoured at the Local Government Week Awards



The Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) and seven other Joint Organisations (JOs) and Regional Organisations of Councils (ROCs), representing 65 local councils across NSW, have been recognised at the prestigious Local Government Week awards for their innovative contributions to embedding disaster resilience. This accolade celebrates the CNSWJO's pivotal role in advancing resilience planning within the local government sector, supported by the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund jointly funded by the Australian and New South Wales Governments.

The member councils played a crucial role in contributing to the project. They now benefit from a comprehensive needs analysis, a Disaster Risk Reduction Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R) framework to address identified gaps and opportunities, and a partnership with Transport for NSW. Additionally, councils have avenues to explore community engagement tools to enhance community

preparedness and a study identifying gaps and opportunities in spatial data to better prepare councils and communities. This report will inform the state's efforts in developing systems and tools for local government.

“We are also improving how we work with State agencies and achieving success. For example, the willingness of the Reconstruction Authority to leverage IP&R rather than duplicating processes or introducing new regulations,” said Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor of Cabonne and Chair of Central NSW Councils.

This program is providing councils with both strategic and financial support. "Our member councils are not only better equipped to plan and prepare for disasters but also benefit from aggregated procurement and shared resources. Throughout this project, we have established best practices inter and intra-governmentally, and these networks will continue to foster collaboration and resource sharing as we move forward with disaster risk reduction initiatives in the region," added Cr Kevin Beatty.

The Regional Resilience Program was a collaboration between Central NSW JO, the NSW Reconstruction Authority, Hunter JO, Canberra Region JO, Illawarra Shoalhaven JO, Mid-North Coast JO, Northern Rivers JO, Riverina and Murray JO, and Riverina Eastern ROC, representing a consortium of 65 councils across New South Wales.

For more information about the Central NSW Joint Organisation and its resilience initiatives, visit <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/disaster-risk-reduction-overview/>

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