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Federal Candidate Briefing in Central NSW

While the Federal election has not been announced the candidates are already on the hustings.

“That is why we are inviting all the candidates who have announced their intention to run in the seats of Calare, Riverina and Parkes to come to a meeting with Local Councillors from across the region to talk about our priorities” said Cr Kevin Beatty, Chair of the Central NSW Joint Organisation and Mayor of Cabonne Council.

“Firstly, we want to thank them for their service in our wonderful and strong democracy. Then we want to have a conversation about what matters to us from the grass roots up. There are very different challenges for our regional communities. Job vacancies in the regions have grown three times faster than in in our cities. Health and childcare issues are more acute in regional NSW,” said Cr Beatty.

“Access into Sydney is so bad that the mayors of the region are taking about a strategy for freight to go to Port of Darwin,” said Cr Beatty.

“The impacts of the energy transition on our communities are poorly understood. This is the biggest transformation in a generation and compensation to our communities is insufficient. We are also concerned about energy security and we know that local distributed energy solutions need rapid investment,” said Cr Beatty.

“Our region is being hampered by multi-generational under-investment in infrastructure, housing, health, education and workforce training. The switching off of 3G has not been well received and that regional communities see Starlink as the solution after the billions of dollars of investment in the NBN is a travesty,” said Cr Beatty.

“We look forward to meeting with our candidates on the afternoon of 11 March 2025 at the Charles Sturt University Campus Bloomfield,” said Cr Beatty.

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