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Time for a steady hand

The Chair of Central NSW Councils Cr John Medcalf, Mayor of Lachlan Shire Council welcomes the new State leadership team.

"Firstly, I would like to thank both the departing Premier and Deputy Premier for their tireless service and championing of particularly regional NSW. The recognition of the communities outside Sydney by our political leaders is at an all-time high and we hope to see this continue," said Cr Medcalf.

"Gladys Berejiklian and John Barilaro have always been forthright in their conversations with this region and for that we thank them," said Cr Medcalf.

"As we take the final steps emerging from the Covid pandemic to living with Covid it is important to maintain a steady hand," said Cr Medcalf.

"Both the new Premier and the new deputy leader of the Liberal Party are fully aware of the challenges of emerging from Covid as they represent the communities of western Sydney," said Cr Medcalf.

"Central NSW is particularly delighted to see the elevation of Paul Toole, Member for Bathurst and Minister for Regional Transport to the Deputy Premiership," said Cr Medcalf.

"The new Deputy Premier is well known in our region for his passionate advocacy for both the communities of the Bathurst electorate but also of all NSW regional communities,"

"Coming from Local Government we know that Paul Toole also has a deep understanding of Councils and communities," said Cr Medcalf.

"We also congratulate Bronnie Taylor as the Deputy Leader of the National Party. Bronnie Taylor also has Local Government experience as well as her deep interest in health and mental health with her nursing background," said Cr Medcalf.

"Skills, housing, health, accelerating the region's response to the climate, transport and telecommunications connectivity are all emerging as challenges we will be seeking to work on with the new State leadership team. We just need to take the final few sensible steps out of Covid first, that is our top priority," said Cr Medcalf.

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