

Central NSW Joint Organisation

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Central NSW Joint Organisation

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Central NSW Joint Organisation is constituted under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and has its principal place of business at:

Central NSW Joint Organisation
Level 1, 38 William Street
BATHURST, NSW 2795

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Statement by Members of the Board and Management made pursuant to Section 413(2c) of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*

The attached general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and the regulations made thereunder
- the Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the Joint Organisations Supplement to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly Central NSW Joint Organisation's operating result and financial position for the period
- the accord with Central NSW Joint Organisation's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render this report false or misleading in any way.

Signed by the delegates of the board of Central NSW Joint Organisation.



Councillor Kevin Beatty
Voting Representative Board Member

Dated: 17 October 2024



Councillor Phyllis Miller
Voting Representative Board Member

Dated: 17 October 2024



Ms Jennifer Bennett
Executive Officer

Dated: 17 October 2024

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Statement of Income and Accumulated Surplus for the year ended 30 June 2024

		2024	2023
		000's	000's
	Notes	\$	\$
Income			
Member council contributions	B.1.1	925	827
Grants provided for operating purposes	B.1.2	1,928	576
Interest and investment revenue	B.1.3	37	23
Other income	B.1.4	491	340
Total income		3,381	1,766
Expenses			
Employee benefits and on costs		997	807
Administrative expenses	B.2.1	2,651	706
Depreciation		27	21
Other expenses		-	50
Total expenses		3,675	1,584
Net result for the year		(294)	182
Accumulated surplus at 1 July		1,671	1,489
Accumulated Surplus as at 30 June		1,377	1,671

The above Statement of Income and Accumulated Surplus should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2024

		2024	2023
		000's	000's
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	C.1.1	980	3,203
Receivables	C.1.2	886	129
Total current assets		1,866	3,332
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	C.1.3	94	48
Total non-current assets		94	48
Total assets		1,960	3,380
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	C.2.1	372	529
Contract liabilities	C.2.2	120	1,093
Employee benefit provisions	C.2.3	91	87
Total current liabilities		583	1,709
Total liabilities		583	1,709
Net assets		1,377	1,671
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		1,377	1,671
Total equity		1,377	1,671

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	000's	000's
Notes	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts:		
Contributions from member councils	1,029	920
Investment revenue and interest	37	23
Grants	239	1,648
Other	473	1,185
Payments:		
Employees	(898)	(770)
Non-employee cash flows	(3,023)	(931)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>(2,143)</u>	<u>2,075</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts:		
Payment for property, plant & equipment	(80)	(17)
Payments:		
Net cash (used in) investing activities	<u>(80)</u>	<u>(17)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(2,223)	2,058
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>3,203</u>	<u>1,145</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	C.1.1 <u>980</u>	<u>3,203</u>

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

A About the Joint Organisation and these financial statements

A1 Basis of Preparation

These financial statements were authorised for issue by delegates of the Board of the Central NSW Joint Organisation on 17/10/2024. The Board has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements.

The material accounting policy information related to the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

These general-purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures, the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and Regulations, and the Joint Organisation Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. Central NSW Joint Organisation is a not-for-profit entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

(a) New and amended standards adopted

During the year, the Central NSW Joint Organisation adopted all standards which were mandatorily effective for the first time at 30 June 2024. The following new standards are effective for the first time at 30 June 2024.

* AASB 2021-6 *Disclosure of accounting policies: Tier 2 and other Australian accounting standards*.

* AASB 2022- 7 Editorial correction of Australian Accounting Standards and Repeal of Superseded and Redundant Standards

These standards are unlikely to have a significant impact on Central NSW Joint Organisation.

(b) Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(c) Significant accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Central NSW Joint Organisation's accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the Central NSW Joint Organisation and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Accounting estimates and assumptions

Central NSW Joint Organisation makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year include:

(l) employee benefit provisions – refer Note C2.3.

Significant judgements in applying the Central NSW Joint Organisation accounting policies.

(i) there are no significant judgements made by the Central NSW Joint Organisation.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities that are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are presented as operating cash flows.

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2024

B. Financial Performance

B1 Sources of income

B.1.1 Member Council contributions

	2024	2023
	000's	000's
	\$	\$
- Orange City Council	148	143
- Bathurst Regional Council	143	138
- Parkes Shire Council	83	81
- Cowra Shire Council	66	64
- Cowra Tourism Corp	13	12
- Cabonne Council	77	73
- Forbes Shire Council	65	63
- Lachlan Shire Council	60	58
- Blayney Shire Council	45	44
- Oberon Council	56	54
- Weddin Shire Council	36	35
- Central Tablelands Water	38	36
- UMCC - Association membership	2	2
- Lithgow City Council	93	24
	925	827

Material accounting policy information

Contributions by member councils are recognised as revenue at the point in time when the amount to be paid for the period has been determined and communicated to councils. The contribution may be in the form of a cash payment or non-monetary contribution (which is recorded at its fair value).

The methodology for determining the contribution is:

- contributions by member councils are prorated based on population in their respective Local Government Areas (LGAs) in order to perform the principal functions of delivering on strategic regional priorities, regional leadership and intergovernmental cooperation.
- contributions by participating member councils for other functions of enhancing strategic capacity and direct service delivery.

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B1 Sources of income

B.1.2 Grants

	Operating		Capital	
	2024 000's \$	2023 000's \$	2024 000's \$	2023 000's \$
Local Government Procurement - Sustainable Procurement Training for JOs	7	-	-	-
OLG capacity building funding	27	55	-	-
Dept of Regional NSW	1,003	86	-	-
Water Loss Management Program	158	135	-	-
Bridge Testing Grant through FSC	18	-	-	-
Dept of Communities and Justice (DRRF)	411	52	-	-
The Office of Energy and Climate Change (JONZA)	304	93	-	-
Destination NSW	-	125	-	-
Destination Central West NSW	-	30	-	-
Total grants	1,928	576	-	-
Comprising:				
- Commonwealth funding	-	-	-	-
- State funding	1,903	328	-	-
- Other funding	25	248	-	-
	1,928	576	-	-
Timing of revenue recognition				
Grants recognised over time	1,442	107	-	-
Grants recognised at a point in time	486	469	-	-
Total grants	1,928	576	-	-

Material accounting policy information

Grants - enforceable agreement with sufficiently specific performance obligations

Grant revenue arising from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised as or when control of each performance obligation is transferred.

The performance obligations vary according to the agreement but include the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

Performance obligations may be satisfied either at a point in time or over time and this is reflected in the revenue recognition pattern. Point in time recognition occurs when the beneficiary obtains control of the goods / services at a single time (eg. completion of the project when a report / outcome is provided), whereas over time recognition is where the control of the services is ongoing throughout the project.

Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of benefit.

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B1 Sources of income

B.1.2 Grants

Other grants

Assets (eg. cash) received from other grants are recognised at fair value when the asset is received. The Central NSW Joint Organisation considers whether there are any related liability or equity items associated with the asset which are recognised in accordance with the relevant accounting standard.

Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any remaining asset value at the time that the asset is received.

B.1.3 Interest and investment income

	2024	2023
	000's	000's
	\$	\$
Interest revenue from:		
- interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost	37	23
Total interest and investment revenue	37	23

Material accounting policy information

Interest and investment income is recognised using the effective interest rate at the date that interest is earned.

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B1 Sources of income

B.1.4 Other income

	2024	2023
	000's	000's
	\$	\$
Procurement management fees	302	235
Vehicle leaseback	4	5
Training service	165	93
Other revenue	20	-
Performance monitoring	-	7
Total other revenue	491	340

Material accounting policy information

Other income is recorded when the payment is due, the value of the payment is notified, or the payment is received, whichever occurs first.

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B.2 Costs of providing services

B.2.1 Administrative expenses

	2024	2023
	000's	000's
	\$	\$
CWUA Group expenses	75	137
Audit of financial statements	14	13
Regional training program	156	83
Legal expenses	16	13
Phone expenses	4	3
Meeting expenses	18	7
IT expenses	29	18
Travel expenses	19	16
Joint organisation projects	2,101	211
Staff training/conferences	30	8
Printing/Stationery/Postage	3	5
Hosting fees	21	25
Regional tourism group expenses	102	126
Motor vehicle expenses	21	12
Other expenses	42	29
	2,651	706

Material accounting policy information

Employee benefit expenses

Employee benefit expenses are recorded when the service has been provided by the employee.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense as they become payable. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses are recorded on an accruals basis as the Central NSW Joint Organisation receives the goods or services.

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2024

C1 Financial position

C.1 Assets we manage

C.1.1 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	000's	000's
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	37	135
Deposits at call	943	3,068
	980	3,203

Restricted cash and cash equivalents

External restrictions	596	1,882
Unrestricted	384	1,321
	980	3,203

Material accounting policy information

For Statement of Cash Flow presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents include: cash on hand; deposits held at call with financial institutions; other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value; and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position, however, are included as cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Cash flows.

C.1.2 Receivables

	2024	2023
	000's	000's
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	686	38
GST receivable	79	48
Accrued revenues	121	43
Net receivables	886	129

Material accounting policy information

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

Impairment of receivables is assessed using the simplified expected credit loss model where lifetime credit losses are recorded on initial recognition. To measure the expected credit losses, debtors have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

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C.1.3 Property, plant and equipment

	Movements during the period								
	Gross carrying amount	At July 2023 Accum Depn and impairment	Net carrying amount	Additions	Disposals	Depn and Impairment	Gross carrying amount	Accum depn and impairment	At 30 June 2024 Net carrying amount
	000's	000's	000's	000's	000's	000's	000's	000's	000's
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office equipment	25	(11)	14	8	-	(6)	33	(17)	16
Vehicles	74	(40)	34	64	-	(21)	139	(61)	78
Totals	99	(51)	48	72	-	(27)	172	(78)	94

Material accounting policy information

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Central NSW Joint Organisation and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Income Statement and Other Comprehensive Income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

When property, plant and equipment are acquired by the Central NSW Joint Organisation for significantly less than fair value, the assets are initially recognised at their fair value at acquisition date.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- (i) Office equipment 2-5 years
- (ii) Motor vehicle 5-6 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

C.2 Liabilities of the joint organisation

C.2.1 Payables

	2024	2023
	000's	000's
	\$	\$
Trade payables	318	367
Accrued expense	54	162
Total Payables	372	529

Material accounting policy information

The Central NSW Joint Organisation measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs; subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Central NSW Joint Organisation prior to the end of financial period that are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

C.2.2 Contract liabilities

	2024	2023
	000's	000's
	\$	\$
Funds received prior to performance obligation being satisfied	120	1,093
Total contract liabilities	120	1,093

The contract liability relates to grants received prior to the revenue recognition criteria in AASB 15 being satisfied since the performance obligations are ongoing.

Material accounting policy information

When an amount of consideration is received from a fund provider prior to Central NSW Joint Organisation transferring a good or service to the customer, Central NSW Joint Organisation presents the funds which exceed revenue recognised as a contract liability.

C.2.3 Employee benefits

	2024		2023	
	Current 000's	Non-current 000's	Current 000's	Non-current 000's
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Annual leave	16	-	13	-
Long service leave	75	-	74	-
Total employee benefit provisions	91	-	87	-
Current employee benefits provisions not expected to be settled within the next 12 months	75	-	74	

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C.2.3 Employee benefits

Material accounting policy information

Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries (including non-monetary benefits and annual leave expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service) are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period, and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liability for annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

Other long-term employee benefits obligations

The liability for long-service leave and annual leave that is not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service is recognised in the provision for employee benefits, and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

On-costs

The employee benefit provisions include the aggregate on-cost liabilities that will arise when payment of current employee benefits is made in future periods.

These amounts include superannuation, payroll tax and workers compensation expenses that will be payable upon the future payment of certain leave liabilities which employees are entitled to at the reporting period.

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position if the Central NSW Joint Organisation does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

D. Risks and accounting uncertainties

D.1 Financial Risk Management

Risk Management

The Central NSW Joint Organisation's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, including credit risk, liquidity risk, and interest rate risk. Financial risk management is carried out by the finance team under policies approved by the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board.

The fair value of receivables approximates the carrying amount.

D.2 Contingencies

There were no contingent assets or liabilities which the Central NSW Joint Organisation is party to at 30 June 2024 (30 June 2023:None).

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

E. People and relationships

E1 Related party disclosures

E.1.1 Key management personnel

Key management personnel (KMP) of the Central NSW Joint Organisation are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Central NSW Joint Organisation, directly or indirectly.

The aggregate amount of KMP compensation included in the employee expenses is: \$239,502.

E.1.2 Other related parties

	Amount of the transactions during the period	Outstanding balances, including commitments at period end	Terms and condition s	Impairment provision on outstanding balances	Impairment expense
	000's	000's		000's	000's
	\$	\$		\$	\$
2024					
Administration services	31	1	30 Days	-	-
Rental of office space and utilities	20	4	30 Days	-	-
Provision of Motor Vehicles	14	-	30 Days	-	-
2023					
Administration services	26	9	30 Days	-	-
Rental of office space and utilities	25	15	30 Days	-	-
Provision of Motor Vehicles	12	3	30 Days	-	-

Administration Services:

The JO has entered into an arrangement with Bathurst Regional Council, Orange City Council and Forbes Shire Council where 3% of payroll is paid for the provision of payroll to staff they host. Amounts are payable on a continuing quarterly basis for staff hosted by these councils. Forbes Shire Council also receives \$3,000 pa for financial support services and \$2,000 p.a. for managing staff mobile telephones in its role as Treasury Council.

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E1 Related party disclosures

Rental of office space and utilities:

The JO has entered into an arrangement with Bathurst Regional Council and Forbes Shire Council to provide office space and utilities to staff hosted in these locations to perform their required roles. There is an agreed annual amount paid depending on the number of staff members in each location.

Provisions of motor vehicles:

The JO has entered into an arrangement with Orange City Council to provide motor vehicles. Orange City Council acquires motor vehicles and manages them as part of their fleet. The Council invoice for the costs incurred in acquiring the motor vehicles at the time of purchase. The leaseback fee charged to the staff members for the use of the vehicles are retained by Orange City Council to cover all running costs of the vehicles incurred by the Council.

The JO has entered into an arrangement with Bathurst Regional Council to provide use of a motor vehicle for an annual charge of \$8,000.00 for the use of the motor vehicle and a set rate of \$1,900 to cover operating expenses. These charges are billed on a quarterly basis over the year.

E.2 Other relationships

E.2.1 Audit fees

	2024	2023
	000's	000's
	\$	\$
Auditors of the JO - NSW Auditor-General		
Audit of financial statements	14	13
Total	14	13

F Other matters

F.1 Events occurring after reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Central NSW Joint Organisation, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Central NSW Joint Organisation in future financial years.

Central NSW Joint Organisation

Auditor's Report to the members of Central NSW Joint Organisation

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the general purpose financial statements

Central NSW Joint Organisation

To the Board of the Central NSW Joint Organisation

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Central NSW Joint Organisation (the Joint Organisation), which comprise the Statement by Members of the Board and Management, the Statement of Income and Accumulated Surplus for the year ended 30 June 2024, the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024, and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2024 and notes comprising a summary of material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

In my opinion:

- the Joint Organisation's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2 (the Division)
- the financial statements:
 - have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of this Division
 - are consistent with the Joint Organisation's accounting records
 - present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Joint Organisation as at 30 June 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures
- all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained
- no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements have come to light during the audit.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report.

I am independent of the Joint Organisation in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of joint organisations
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

I believe the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

The Board's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Local Government Act 1993*, and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible for assessing the Joint Organisation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the financial statements.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Joint Organisation carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited financial statements on any website where they may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.



Farisha Ali
Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

25 October 2024
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Voting Representative Board Member
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25 October 2024

Dear Chairperson

Report on the Conduct of the Audit for the year ended 30 June 2024 Central NSW Joint Organisation

I have audited the general purpose financial statements (GPFS) of the Central NSW Joint Organisation (the Joint Organisation) for the year ended 30 June 2024 as required by section 415 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

I expressed an unmodified opinion on the Joint Organisation's GPFS.

This Report on the Conduct of the Audit (the Report) for the Joint Organisation for the year ended 30 June 2024 is issued in accordance with section 417 of the Act. This Report should be read in conjunction with my audit opinion on the GPFS issued under section 417(2) of the Act.

PERFORMANCE

Net result

The Joint Organisation's net result for the year ended 30 June 2024 was a loss of \$294,000 (2023: profit of \$182,000).

The Joint Organisation's income for the year ended 30 June 2024 of \$3,381,000 consisted mainly of operating grants of \$1,928,000 and income from member council contributions of \$925,000. The main sources of grant income were:

- Business Case & Strategy Development Fund (\$1 million)
- Disaster Risk Reduction (\$400,000)
- Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration (\$182,000)
- Water Loss Management Program (\$157,000)

The Joint Organisation's total expenses for the year ended 30 June 2024 of \$3,675,000 consisted mainly of employee benefits and on-costs of \$997,000 and administration expenses of \$2,651,000.

Financial position

At 30 June 2024, the Joint Organisation's:

- total assets of \$1,960,000 consisted mainly of cash and cash equivalents of \$980,000 and receivables of \$886,000
- total liabilities of \$583,000 consisted mainly of payables of \$372,000.

OTHER MATTERS

Legislative compliance

My audit procedures did not identify any instances of material non-compliance with the financial reporting requirements in Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2 of the LG Act and the associated regulations or a material deficiency in the Joint Organisation's accounting records or financial statements. The Joint Organisation's:

- accounting records were maintained in a manner and form to allow the GPFS to be prepared and effectively audited
- staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.



Farisha Ali
Associate Director, Financial Audit

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales