



Central NSW Joint Organisation

Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities

Our Vision for Central NSW

Central NSW is a vibrant, growing and welcoming place of seasonal landscapes that is recognised in the nation for its agricultural heart.

Principle functions the priorities will deliver

Strategic planning and priority setting, Intergovernmental collaborations, Shared leadership and advocacy

Who we are

Member councils: Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney Shire Council, Cabonne Council, Cowra Shire Council, Forbes Shire Council, Lachlan Shire Council, Oberon Shire Council, Orange City Council, Parkes Shire Council, and Weddin Shire Council.

Key Stakeholders

Key stakeholders in the other tiers of government include:

- Agencies within the NSW and Federal governments that manage local government, planning, heritage, energy, policing, health, education, regional economic development and tourism, infrastructure and transport.
- Infrastructure NSW and Infrastructure Australia
- Water NSW
- Essential Energy

- The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)
- The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
- Local members of parliament across the Region

Key stakeholders in the peak industry bodies include:

- NSW Farmers
- Local Government NSW
- Country Mayors
- Australian Local Government Association

Central NSW Snapshot

Projected GRP by 2031 - \$17.4Bn delivering the 7th largest regional contribution to the national economy (Infrastructure Australia 2016)

Population: 157,686 (2016 census)

Area: over 47,000 km²

Regional Priorities

Priority	Key strategic areas
Priority One: Inter-council co-operation	1.1 Deliver cost savings and other value to member councils through aggregated procurement
	1.2 Governance arrangements enable inter-council co-operation
	1.3 Members are provided with value for money from collaboration on energy related projects
	1.4 Co-operation between JO and stakeholders that adds value for members
	1.5 Deliver cost savings and other value to member councils through coordinated training
Priority Two: Regional prosperity	2.1 Initiatives to grow population and increase the visitor economy
	2.2 Regional industry and population sustainability and growth planning across the Region
	2.3 Heritage, cultural advantages and land use planning processes
Priority Three: Regional Transport and Infrastructure	3.1 Transport connectivity planning
	3.2 Infrastructure planning
Priority Four: Regional Water Security	4.1 Regional Water network planning and best practice skills development

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Priorities align with the following:

- Community Strategic Plans of member councils
- NSW Government 20 Year Regional Economic Vision
- NSW Government Regional Economic Development Strategies
- Regional Plan: NSW Government Central West and Orana Regional Plan
- State Infrastructure Plan: Building Momentum 2018-28
- Central NSW JO Strategic Plan

Support Plans to be delivered:

- Communications Plan
- Advocacy Plan