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Councils Not Welcome

The recent announcement of the NSW Government funded Welcome Program for the Central West excluded the councils of Blayney Shire Council, Forbes Shire Council and Cabonne Council.

“Excluding three of eleven councils is bewildering ,” said Jenny Bennett, Executive Officer of Central NSW Joint Organisation.

“When considering the challenges experienced by recent natural disasters by Forbes Shire Council and Cabonne Council every bit of NSW government support is essential,” said Jenny Bennett, Executive Officer of Central NSW Joint Organisation.

“Central NSW Joint Organisation supported the application by Skillset for every member council of this region. It does not seem plausible that service levels for eight or eleven councils would be markedly different, so why leave some out?” said Jenny Bennett, Executive Officer of Central NSW Joint Organisation.

“One would think this sought of effort that a council like Forbes Shire Council goes to in welcoming essential workers particularly in health care would be rewarded, not rejected,” said Jenny Bennett, Executive Officer of Central NSW Joint Organisation.

This matter will be raised at the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting on Wednesday, 21 August where there will be discussion around a potential variation bringing all members of the Joint Organisation into the project.

“By all member councils being involved it makes further leveraging of this program by the Joint Organisation optimal,” said Jenny Bennett, Executive Officer of Central NSW Joint Organisation.

It is hopeful that a resolution of this issue can be found,” said Jenny Bennett, Executive Officer of Central NSW Joint Organisation.

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