



**CENTRAL NSW
JOINT ORGANISATION**

Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities

Our Vision for the
Central NSW
region

Prosperous communities, dynamic local government, a collaborative and strong region –
when one Council succeeds, we all succeed.

Principal functions
- how we will
deliver our
priorities

Strategic planning and priority setting
Intergovernmental collaboration
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 Council,
Orange City Council, Parkes Shire Council, and Weddin Shire Council.

Associate members: Central Tablelands Water, Upper Macquarie County Council,
Regional Development Australia – Central West, Regional NSW

Strategic alignment

Our priorities align with the following:

- [Community Strategic Plans](#) and [Local Strategic Planning Statements](#) of member councils
- NSW Government 20 Year Regional Economic Vision and Regional Economic Development Strategies
- Regional Plan: NSW Government Central West and Orana Regional Plan
- Central West and Orana Regional Transport Plan
- The Regional Water Strategies for the Lachlan and Macquarie
- The Central West Destination Management Plan
- The Central West Food and Fibre Strategy

For more detail on strategic alignment please go to www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/reports-policies/

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Our key strategic initiatives

Priority One: Leveraging our successful collaboration

1.1 Driving efficiencies and effectiveness saving Councils money

1.2 Building capacity across our Councils

1.3 Working well with other peak agencies

Priority Two: Regional prosperity through better infrastructure and services

2.1 Initiatives to grow population and increase the visitor economy in the context of locational preference factors

2.2 Regional industry and population growth planning

2.3 Advocacy and initiatives on skills and housing shortages

2.4 Leveraging the region's endowments and opportunities:

- a. Critical minerals and mining
- b. Circular economy and net zero
- c. Activation precincts including Parkes SAP
- d. Inland Rail
- e. Pattern of settlement; liveability, proximity to capital cities and ports
- f. Agriculture

Priority Three: Advocate for better infrastructure and services in health and ageing

Priority Four: Telecommunications

Priority Five: Regional Transport Planning and Infrastructure Prioritisation

5.1 Transport connectivity planning

5.2 Infrastructure prioritisation including the CNSWJO Matrix

5.3 Natural disaster road funding

Priority Six: Regional Water Security and Productive Water

6.1 Regional Water network planning and best practice skills development

6.2 Productive Water

Priority Seven: Transition to a sustainable, secure, and affordable energy future

7.1 Energy Efficiency and Emissions Reduction

7.2 Circular Economy

7.3 Environment

7.4 Understanding our energy (fuel and electricity) security, capacity and scalability.

Key Stakeholders

Key regional partners:

NSW and National Farmers, Business NSW, Arts OutWest, Destination Network Central West, and Charles Sturt University

Key stakeholders in the other tiers of government we seek to collaborate with in our delivery:

Agencies and regulators within the NSW and Federal governments that manage local government, planning, environment, heritage, energy, health, education, regional economic development and tourism, water, infrastructure, and transport. Local members of parliament across the region.

Key Local Government industry stakeholders:

Our member councils, Local Government NSW, Country Mayors, Australian Local Government Association, and other JOs.

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