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Dear Sir/Madam

### Re: Draft Central West and Orana Regional Plan

Thank you for your presentation to Council at our Ordinary Meeting held 19 May 2016 in relation to the draft Central West and Orana Regional Plan. As a result of the presentation, Council is lodging a submission to provide our feedback for consideration.

Firstly, congratulations to your team on the production of the draft plan. The goals and directions work towards addressing the needs of the region moving forward. Council notes the following issues that should be included;

- Within Goal 2: – focus of the goal is on freight transport, however it is noted that utility infrastructure is included in this goal. Council is of the view that towns within close proximity to the gas pipeline should be offered the opportunity to connect to gas. For example the gas pipeline passes within close proximity to Dunedoo, and could be made available for connection to the town for commercial, industrial or residential purposes.
- Also within Goal 2, it is noted wastewater is included. The lack of reticulated sewerage is a contributing factor to limiting development in some of our smaller towns and villages within close proximity to a waterbody, due to smaller land parcel sizes for onsite wastewater management system (ie septic tank system). Funding assistance needs to be provided to cover the cost of providing reticulated sewerage to these smaller settlements as Councils are limited financially, and the community often lacks capacity to pay for construction under the user pays system.
- Goal 3: Council supports the availability of more flood data and flood information being supplied by the NSW Government.
- Unformed paper roads are located throughout the region, and Council is of the view these roads need to be referenced and recognised in the plan for future development needs.

- Finally, the draft plan appears to be centred around a regional hub – in our case, Dubbo. Decentralisation is the sleeper that is killing regional NSW – more specific locality actions would assist the plan to be tailored to towns and villages. Within Warrumbungle Shire Council we find we are on the cusp of two regional hubs, being Dubbo and Tamworth, and our population travels to both centres without having a strong reliance on one centre in particular.

Thank you for considering the above issues.

Yours sincerely



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