

Urban Design for Regional NSW

Draft Guide

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To whom it may concern,

Re: Urban Design for Regional NSW Draft Guide

About the Central NSW Joint Organisation

On 11 May the NSW Governor General the Hon David Hurley, Proclaimed the Local Government Regional Joint Organisations under the Local Government Act 1993. While early days, this region sees great opportunity through having a more formalized role under the Local Government Act. Ultimately, building on the successes of Centroc, we hope to work more closely with the State Government on opportunities for this region.

About the Centroc

Central NSW Councils (Centroc) represents over 158,000 people covering an area of more than 47,000sq kms comprising the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Weddin, and Central Tablelands Water.

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Centroc has two core objectives:

1. Regional Sustainability - Encourage and nurture suitable investment and infrastructure development throughout the region and support members in their action to seek from Governments financial assistance, legislative and/or policy changes and additional resources required by the Region.
2. Regional Cooperation and Resource Sharing – Contribute to measurable improvement in the operational efficiency and effectiveness of Member Councils through facilitation of the sharing of knowledge, expertise and resources and, where appropriate, the aggregation of demand and buying power.

The Centroc Board is made up of the 20 Mayors and General Managers of its member Councils who determine priority for the region. These priorities are then progressed via sponsoring Councils. For more advice on Centroc programming and priorities, please go to our website <http://www.centroc.com.au/>

This region has a long and sound reputation as leaders in collaboration and on 24 May 2018 became the first Joint Organisation in NSW to hold its inaugural meeting. We thank the Department for its genuine collaboration on our Regional Plan, particularly the work undertaken by the Western Region.

This region welcomes the opportunity to provide input for Draft Urban Design for Regional NSW. We commend the region for its consultation and see this document as providing good direction on urban design.

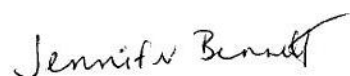
The region is broadly supportive of the document, however, the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board is seeking changes to the Central West and Orana snapshot. In the first instance this subregion sees its differences from the Orana as being both distinct and material. Take for example transport constraints. Where Dubbo and the Orana region can arguably access the Golden Highway, this region, particularly Cabonne and to the east, are significantly transport constrained to the east and this has a significant impact on our economy. Other forms of connectivity, such as digital connectivity are also material.

Finally, there is no mention of urban water security as a significant challenge for the region. Whether it be in the Regional Plan or other key regional strategies, a state approach to urban water security is a priority for Central NSW. In drought prone climates, urban centres become green oases and this needs to be given consideration in the broader context of the assurance of secure quality water.

This region is supportive of making minor amendments in line with the above advice and seeks to work with the Department of Planning in this regard.

If you require further information or clarification on comments in this submission please do not hesitate to contact me jenny.bennett@centroc.com.au or on 0428 690 935.

Yours sincerely,



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