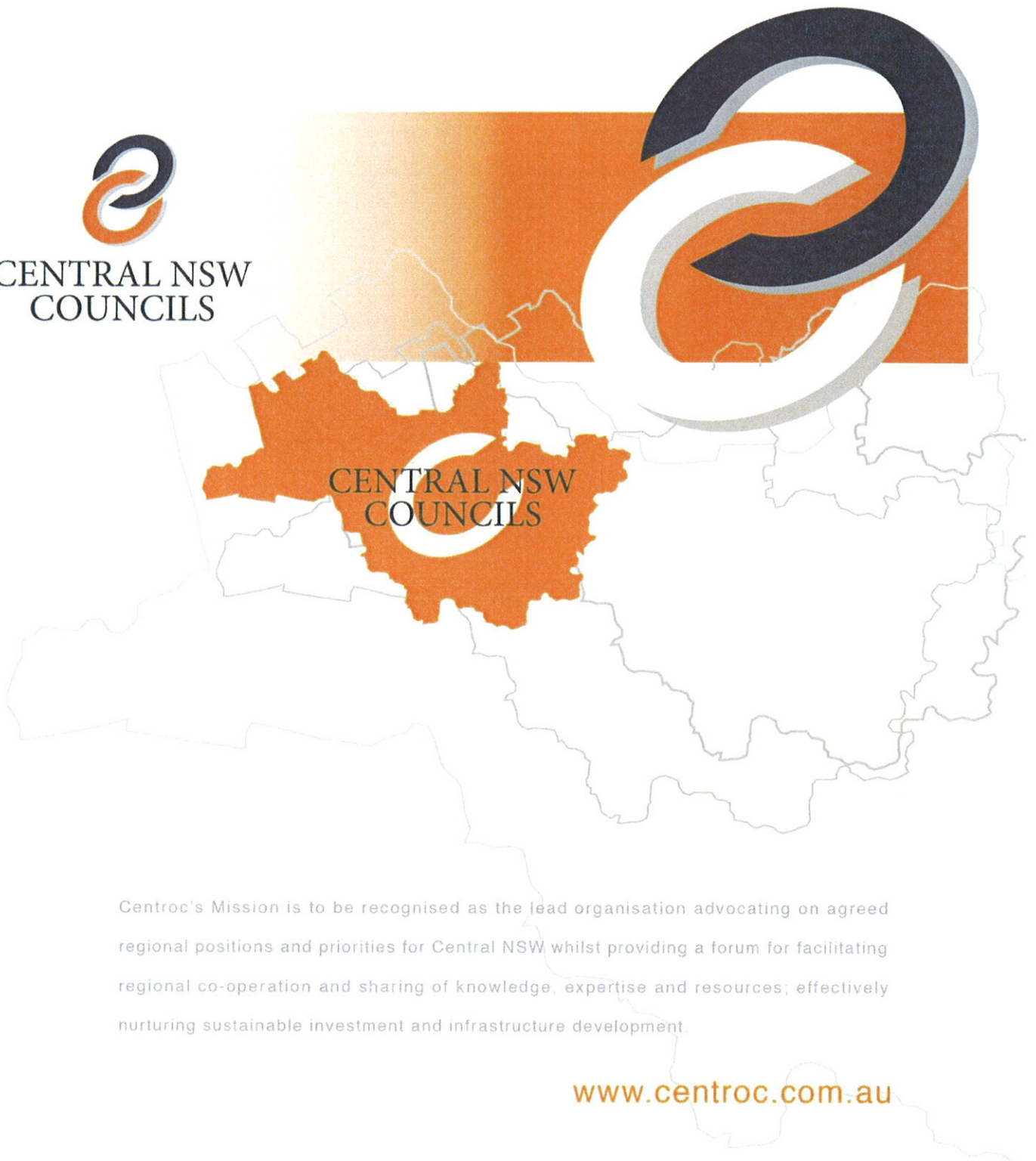


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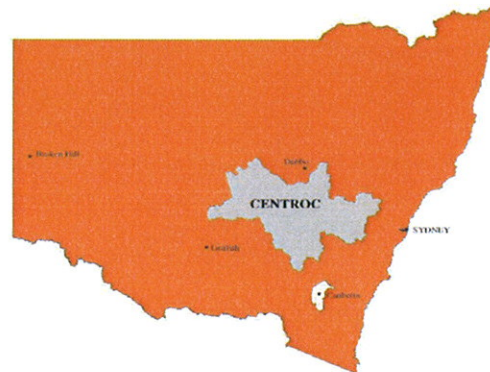
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Dear Mr Plummer,

**Re: Sydney Airport Preliminary Draft Master Plan 2033**

Centroc is a large and long standing voluntary association of councils of varying sizes ranging from populations of around 2500 to populations of close to 40,000. It has received national recognition for its work in delivering measurable benefits to the members it serves. This recognition includes commentary and awards at the State and National levels for example the Productivity Commission and most recently the Minister for Local Government for NSW, The Hon Don Page. Most importantly, it is valued by its members.



Central NSW Councils (Centroc) comprises the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Boorowa, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Upper Lachlan, Weddin, Young and Central Tablelands Water.

It has two objectives, one around advocacy and the other around supporting members operations.

The Centroc Board is made up of the 30 Mayors, elected representatives 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 at [www.centroc.com.au/publications](http://www.centroc.com.au/publications)

One of the critical transport and infrastructure priorities for Central NSW is the maintenance of regional slots at Kingsford Smith Airport (KSA). Centroc maintains a watching brief over regional slots and takes action accordingly.

As part of this watching brief, at the meeting of the General Managers Advisory Committee 25 July, the Sydney Airport Management Plan was considered.

Further, General Managers of the region gave consideration to the report and resolved to lodge a submission on the Sydney Airport Draft Master Plan in line with the existing policy.

Centroc notes that in the Draft Master Plan for Sydney Airport one of the guiding principles is **no change to access arrangements for regional airlines.**

Travel to Sydney from Central NSW by car on The Great Western Highway and Bells Line of Expressway the two most dangerous roads in Australia, where both are constantly experiencing slower speed limits to try and improve safety. Travel times over the mountains are slower with each speed change where the recent changes on the Bells Line of Expressway saw most of its length reduced from 100kph to 80kph. Rail services in the region have experienced an ongoing decline. These, with cheaper flights have meant that regional air services are increasingly vital for the growth of the region.

Given the value to NSW and Australia of production in this region, appropriately timed and benchmark priced regional slots need to be assured.

Once again, thank you for providing this opportunity to give thought to this issue. For further advice in regards to this submission please contact the Centroc Executive Officer, Ms Jennifer Bennett on 0428 690 935.

Yours sincerely,



Cr Ken Keith

**Chair**

Central NSW Councils (Centroc)