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Centroc Summit- Showcasing Regional Collaboration & Strong Local Leadership

“A gathering of the region’s Mayors, Local Government staff and elected officials at the Centroc Summit to be held on the 7th and 8th November demonstrates the commitment that Central NSW Councils have already made to work collectively in response to reforms proposed by the Local Government Review Panel ” said Councillor Phyllis Miller, Chair of Centroc.

“The Local Government Review Panel has said that regional collaboration must increase with new models to facilitate joint planning and resource sharing” said Cr Miller.

“Central NSW Councils are doing their part by working together on programs that share resources and deliver cost savings while ensuring increased efficiencies and best practice in delivering critical infrastructure and services to their communities” said Cr Miller.

“Partnerships such as the Centroc Water Utilities Alliance with representation from the 16 Central NSW Councils are a great example of our Councils working together to ensure efficient compliance based delivery of critical water and sewer services to our local communities at a reasonable cost to our ratepayers” said Cr Miller.

“We are already feeling the effects of the loss of local management of our electricity. The last thing we want to see is our local water utilities taken out of our control with the increased costs to our communities going out of the region and into the State Government coffers” said Cr Miller.

“With the Local Government Review Panel signalling change to the way that local government operates, Central NSW Councils will be positioning themselves to respond in the interests of our communities” said Cr Miller.

“I will be calling on Centroc member councils to rise to the challenge and show strong local leadership in implementing more of the innovative, collaborative programs that the region is known for” said Cr Miller.

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