

Wednesday 21 February 2018

NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL JOINT ORGANISATIONS PROPOSAL

At the 21 February 2018 Ordinary Council meeting Council resolved to inform the Minister for Local Government of Narrandera Shire Council's endorsement of the Minister recommending to the Governor the establishment of a Joint Organisation.

Discussions were held with a number of surrounding counterparts regionally, to develop a position that would facilitate the formation of a Joint Organisation that would meet the needs of the Narrandera Shire community both locally and regionally. A forum was also held in Narrandera to allow further discussions and attempt to bring the region together, followed by meetings with Wagga Wagga City Council, Leeton Shire Council and representatives from REROC.

Joint Organisations are intended to provide a forum for local councils and state agencies to collaborate, plan, set priorities and to deliver important projects in regional NSW. They are a means of facilitating more effective regional planning and for the provision of services on a shared basis. It is understood that regional priorities established and supported by Joint Organisations are likely to receive state government support and therefore funding in future grant programs.

Narrandera Shire Councils preferred option is that the Joint Organisation be established to cover the area of all councils within the Riverina Murray Planning Region including this Council's area and any one or more of the following Council areas Leeton Shire, Griffith City, Carrathool Shire, Hay Shire, Murrumbidgee, Edward River, Murray River, Berrigan Shire, Federation, Albury City, Wagga Wagga City, Coolamon, Temora, Junee, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Bland, Greater Hume, Lockhart Shire and Snowy Valleys.

Should the Minister be unable to establish a joint organisation covering the entire Riverina Murray Planning Region, Narrandera Shire Council has proposed a second option for a joint organisation with Snowy Valleys, Wagga Wagga City and Leeton Shire and any other council who resolved to join that joint organisation.

A submission will be made to the Minister for Local Government before 23 March 2018.

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Precis or Summary: Narrandera Shire Council Joint Organisations Proposal			
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