



## PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Joint Select Committee on Protecting Local Water Utilities from Privatisation

### Question on notice – Dubbo Regional Council

#### Excerpt from transcript – Public hearing – 13 February 2024

**The CHAIR:** In terms of the overall expenditure on water infrastructure and operations, are you able to estimate how much of that is coming from fees and charges here, the local government sources, and how much is coming from State and Federal sources? It's probably a difficult question.

**LUKE RYAN:** I don't have that information on hand, sorry. But we certainly can put that together in a submission.

#### Response:

In the 2022/23 financial year, Council had an expenditure on drinking water based assets and operations totalling \$35,718,404. This includes \$23,821,671 of operational expenses and \$11,896,733 of capital works on the water supply assets. For the 2022/23 financial year, Council utilised \$29,110,010 generated from Council fees and charges (81.5%) and \$6,608,394 from State Government grants (18.5%).

The State Government funds were primarily through the Water for the Future Program administered by the Department of Planning and Environment (\$6,596,985) which has facilitated water security projects such as the establishment of bores and associated pipework. There were also State funds obtained through the Restart Program for the Geurie Feasibility study (\$11,409).

