

**INQUIRY INTO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
IN CENTRAL WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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The Director  
Standing Committee on State Development  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear the Director,

### **Inquiry into Economic & Social Development in Central Western NSW**

Thankyou for informing Cabonne Council of the current inquiry into the economic and social development in central west New South Wales.

Currently Cabonne Council is undertaking community consultation to complete its requirements under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for local governments. The long term Community Strategic Plan is being drafted, along with the Delivery Plan and Operational Plan.

To date, we have found through our community consultation that the following areas are a priority for the residents of Cabonne:

- Adequate provision of health services, including services for aged care, youth and social justice groups.
- Transportation of people to access health services.
- Continue to provide outstanding educational facilities. It was noted that a large percentage of the Shire's young people are leaving to further their education through tertiary institutions. This inturn impacts on communities throughout the Shire.
- Increase access to cultural facilities.



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- Ongoing need to provide suitable and multipurpose community infrastructure.
- Capacity of community residents to volunteer and commit.
- Ongoing need for provision of accessible road infrastructure to meet increase in transportation.
- People's expectations to accessible transportation of all means – road, rail, air, etc.
- To ensure our Shire has access to new technology and telecommunications.
- Build business and generate further employment across the Shire.
- Continue to build community capacity across the Shire.
- The provision of services provided by local government and the communities expectations are increasing.
- Management of natural resources and their relationship with communities and the Shires economy.
- Our ongoing relationship with neighbouring Councils.

It is anticipated that the Cabonne 2025 Community Strategic Plan will be available in draft format in November 2011.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further and like to receive a copy of the Cabonne 2025 Community Strategic Plan, please contact me on 02 6392 3252.

Yours faithfully,

Sharon D'Elboux  
**Economic Development Manager**