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No 20a**

## **INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND A GLOBAL SYDNEY**

**Organisation:** Central NSW Councils

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Chairman: Cr John Medcalf, Mayor, Lachlan Shire Council

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Enquiries: Ms J Bennett:

The Hon Greg Pearce MLC  
Chair  
Legislative Council Standing Committee on State Development  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Pearce,

**Re: Regional development and a global Sydney**

Central NSW Councils (Centroc) represents over 200,000 people covering an area of more than 50,000 sq kms comprising the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Hilltops, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Upper Lachlan, Weddin, and Central Tablelands Water.

It is about the same size as Tasmania with half the population and a similar GDP.

Centroc's vision is to be recognised as vital to the sustainable future of NSW and Australia.

Its mission is to be recognised as the lead organisation advocating on agreed regional positions and priorities for Central NSW whilst providing a forum for facilitating regional cooperation and sharing of knowledge, expertise and resources.

Centroc has two core objectives:

1. Regional Sustainability - Encourage and nurture suitable investment and infrastructure development throughout the region and support members in their action to seek from Governments financial assistance, legislative and/or policy changes and additional resources required by the Region.
2. Regional Cooperation and Resource Sharing – Contribute to measurable improvement in the operational efficiency and effectiveness of Member Councils through facilitation of the sharing of knowledge, expertise and resources and, where appropriate, the aggregation of demand and buying power.

The Centroc Board is made up of the 28 Mayors 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 <http://www.centroc.com.au/>

We are keen to be part of any work going forward on strategies to progress decentralisation.

This region remains of the views provided in previous submissions and have nothing further to add.

Yours sincerely,

Cr John Medcalf  
**Chair**  
Central NSW Councils (Centroc)

*Centroc is a voluntary collaboration of councils in Central NSW. The organisation exists to advocate for and improve operational efficiencies of its member councils - Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Hilltops, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Upper Lachlan, Weddin and Central Tablelands Water.*