







## Our Vision: A thriving region abundant in sustainable communities

### Our Strategic Regional Priorities

 <b>Improve Water Security</b>	 <b>Improve Energy Security and Affordability</b>	 <b>Improve Transport Connectivity for Freight and People</b>	 <b>Improve Digital Connectivity</b>	 <b>Better Match Health Services to our Changing Needs</b>	 <b>Boost Industry, Workforce and Jobs</b>
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### Our 3 Key Actions

**1. Establish sub-committees → 2. Work with stakeholders to complete comprehensive assessments → 3. Develop Strategies and I&R Plans**

### Key Actions in the Strategies and Plans to include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate and work with governments for long term infrastructure projects to address water security for the region (both for farming and urban).</li> <li>• Work with the agricultural industry to;             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– improve on-farm water management practices and water trading, and</li> <li>– enable improved productivity through diversification, innovation and reduced reliance on high water use crops.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ensure our communities are well informed about water related policies.</li> <li>• Advocate for local government representation at the Murray Darling Basin Authority Board level.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate for improved energy solutions such as lower energy prices, subsidies and other incentives for renewable energy projects, research into new technologies and micro hydro, and to set a price for solar development contributions to local councils.</li> <li>• Advocate and work with governments and energy providers for long term infrastructure projects to address energy security for the region.</li> <li>• Work with other Joint Organisations and government to explore waste to energy opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate and work with governments and transport providers to fund and deliver on agreed infrastructure projects to address transport connectivity for the region.</li> <li>• Work with the Cross-Border Commissioners to address relevant freight and public transport issues e.g. licencing, insurances, feeds, permits, discounts, ticketing etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate and work with governments and digital communication service providers to fund and deliver on agreed infrastructure and service projects to address digital connectivity needs for the region.</li> <li>• Identify opportunities for the use of new and SMART technologies to support economic growth across the region.</li> <li>• Ensure our communities are well informed about the transition from ADSL to NBN only services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a health alliance across all three levels of government to support planning and action on Health Service provision.</li> <li>• Address such issues as. demand and supply analysis, access gaps, patient transport, workforce training/ recruitment/incentives, prevention strategies and ageing in place.</li> <li>• Advocate and work with governments to fund and deliver on agreed health infrastructure projects for the region e.g. telehealth, aged care facilities, fit for purpose operating theatres etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a regional industry/ business prospectus and promote this nationally / internationally.</li> <li>• Promote and support industry diversification and innovation</li> <li>• Work with Councils and NSW Planning to reduce barriers to industry growth.</li> <li>• Develop and implement housing strategies in industrial growth areas.</li> <li>• Work with training providers to develop training pathways to address workforce gaps.</li> <li>• Work with the RDAs to support skilled migration</li> <li>• Advocate and support the decentralisation of government agencies to the RAMJO region.</li> </ul>
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### Strengthen Our Capacity to Act

#### Key actions

- Conduct a needs assessment and modelling to determine the cost benefits and priorities for the RAMJO to establish a business unit to provide brokerage services in skill shortage areas and areas of duplication e.g.
  - Engineering, planning, surveying, certification
  - Internal auditing, back of house services
  - Library services
  - Visitor information services
- Trial a collective tendering / procurement process
- Work with member councils, RDA (Murray and Riverina), OLG and training providers to develop a regional council workforce development strategy to address skills shortages. Including such programs as Grow Your Own (traineeships etc), skilled migration programs and metropolitan council partnerships.
- Facilitate resource, systems and skills sharing across the member councils particularly to support delivery of the six priority pillars, including potential for decentralised provision of services at more remote councils.