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Approved by: Cr Bill West, Chair of Centroc, Mayor of Cowra Council

Central NSW Councils support SEGRA conference 2015

Central NSW Councils are pleased to be sponsoring the 2015 SEGRA conference.

“The Sustainable Economic Growth in Regional Australia Conference has a proud history of sharing innovative and effective ideas, focussing on regional Australia and developing policy,” said Councillor Bill West, Chair of Centroc.

Health, agriculture, economic development and water are hot topics in the Central NSW region. These are a good fit with SEGRA. The region is especially thrilled to see the presentations and workshop on Free Trade Agreements.

“We are a collaborative region with networks already in place to leverage the roll out and embed the Free Trade Agreements. It is unusual for Local Government to have this type of interest, but Central NSW Councils are keen to do their part for the economic growth of the region, this year we are specifically interested in agriculture and the Free Trade agreements are of great interest to us,” said Cr Bill West.

“It would be good to see an understanding in place specific to this region to ensure there is follow on to Free Trade Agreement opportunities from the farm gate up. As a farmer, this is of interest to me and I encourage fellow farmers and policy makers in the region to get together at this workshop and come up with some ideas that we can implement,” said Cr West.

The SEGRA conference 2015 is also timely in light of Centroc’s recent meetings with State and Federal Ministers.

“Both State and Federal Government are giving encouraging signals regarding regional development. The SEGRA conference is an opportunity for our region to come together and keep the ideas and actions flowing” said Cr West.

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The Board of Centroc at Parliament House, Canberra on 12 August 2015.

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