

**BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS  
MEETING – 14 FEBRUARY 2020**

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PO Box 207, WARWICK QLD 4370 1300 72 44 33 [www.wcu.com.au](http://www.wcu.com.au)

**STATEMENT SUMMARY**

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Credit Union BSB No | 817-001     |
| Customer No         | 393573      |
| Statement           | 1 of 1      |
| Statement Ends      | 30-NOV-2019 |
| Shares              | 1           |

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 Border Regional Organisation Of Councils  
 c/- Noelene Hyde, Secretary  
 PO Box 214  
 TENTERFIELD NSW 2372



| Posting Date  | Transaction Details   | Debit     | Credit | Balance   |
|---|---|-----------|--------|-----------|
| <b>400379187 - S6 - Border Regional Organisation Of Councils - CHOICE ACCOUNT</b> |   |           |        |           |
|   | Opening Balance   |           |        | 10,000.00 |
| 14.11.19  | Cash Deposit  |           | 6.50   | 10,006.50 |
| 14.11.19  | TFR TO 062574 00001239<br>To-MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL Ref-42776<br>BORDER REGIO | 10,000.00 |        | 6.50      |
| 14.11.19  | EPAY FEE  | 6.50      |        | 0.00      |
|   | Transaction Totals  | 10,006.50 | 6.50   |           |
|   | Closing Balance   |           |        | 0.00      |

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|--|---|------|------|-----------|
| <b>100005924 - I2 - Border Regional Organisation Of Councils - FIXED TERM DEPOSITS</b> |   |      |      |           |
|  | Opening Balance                           |      |      | 11,179.85 |
| 31.10.19   | DEP #7561 11179.85 Due 22JAN20 1.6% B/Fwd |      |      |           |
|  | Transaction Totals                        | 0.00 | 0.00 |           |
|  | Closing Balance                           |      |      | 11,179.85 |
|  | INTEREST EARNED YEAR TO DATE \$223.76     |      |      |           |

|                           |      |             |    |     |     |
|---------------------------|------|-------------|----|-----|-----|
| TENTERFIELD SHIRE COUNCIL | G/21 | 12 DEC 2019 | CL | CCU | CCU |
|                           |      |             |    |     |     |

IFM 2019 734

If an issue with our products or services has not been resolved to your satisfaction, you may lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority:

Online: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au) | Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au) | Phone: 1800 931 678 (free call)  
 Mail: Australian Financial Complaints Authority, GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001

Time limits may apply to complain to AFCA and so you should act promptly or otherwise consult the AFCA website to find out if or when the time limit relevant to your circumstances expires.

If you have a loan with us it is a condition of your loan that you maintain insurance on the mortgaged property at all times for at least the full replacement value of the property. Please confirm with your insurer that your policy adequately protects your property. Please provide a copy of your current insurance policy for the Credit Union's records.

Proceeds of cheques will not be available until cleared. Please check all entries and notify Warwick Credit Union immediately of any errors.

Electronic access to accounts is protected by personal access codes, any liability for such losses resulting from unauthorised transactions will be determined under the ePayments Code.



**NAB Business  
Cheque Account**

For further information call 13 22 65 for Personal Accounts or 13 10 12 for Business Accounts.



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THE SECRETARY  
BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS  
PO BOX 214  
TENTERFIELD NSW 2372

**Account Balance Summary**

|                        |                   |           |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Opening balance        | \$7,592.43        | Cr        |
| Total credits          | \$0.00            |           |
| Total debits           | \$0.00            |           |
| <b>Closing balance</b> | <b>\$7,592.43</b> | <b>Cr</b> |

**Statement starts 12 November 2019**  
**Statement ends 11 December 2019**

**Outlet Details**

Goondiwindi  
104 Marshall St, Goondiwindi Qld 4390

**Lending Investment & Insurance Enquiries**

Banker Luke Bell  
Telephone number (02) 6750 6020

**Account Details**

BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS  
BSB number 084-675  
Account number 69-022-2187

**Transaction Details**

| Date        | Particulars     | Debits | Credits | Balance     |
|-------------|-----------------|--------|---------|-------------|
| 12 Nov 2019 | Brought forward |        |         | 7,592.43 Cr |

|                           |    |     |
|---------------------------|----|-----|
| TENTERFIELD SHIRE COUNCIL |    |     |
| G/21                      |    |     |
| 17 DEC 2019               |    |     |
| IFM 2019 745              |    |     |
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| CL                        |    |     |
| CCO                       |    |     |
| COO                       |    |     |
| NH                        | ✓  |     |

**Summary of Government Charges**

| Government                   | From 1 July to date | Last year to 30 June |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Withholding tax              | \$0.00              | \$0.00               |
| Bank Account Debit (BAD) tax | \$0.00              | \$0.00               |

Bank Accounts Debits (BAD) Tax or State Debits Duty has been abolished for all states & territories effective 1/7/2005. Any amount shown on this statement applies to debits processed on or before 30/06/2005.

For further information on any applicable rebates, fees or government charges, please refer to the NAB's "A Guide to Fees & Charges" booklet. Please retain this statement for taxation purposes

**Explanatory Notes**

Please check all entries and report any apparent error or possible unauthorised transaction immediately. We may subsequently adjust debits and credits, which may result in a change to your account balance to accurately reflect the obligations between us.

For information on resolving problems or disputes, contact us on 1800 152 015, or ask at any NAB branch.

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**Account Balance Summary**

|                        |                   |           |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Opening balance        | \$7,592.43        | Cr        |
| Total credits          | \$0.18            |           |
| Total debits           | \$0.00            |           |
| <b>Closing balance</b> | <b>\$7,592.61</b> | <b>Cr</b> |

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**Statement ends 10 January 2020**

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| 31 Dec 2019 | Interest.....   |        | 0.18    | 7,592.61 Cr |

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| TENTERFIELD SHIRE |        |      |
| COUNCIL           |        |      |
| 6/21              |        |      |
| 16 JAN 2020       |        |      |
| IFM 2020 164      |        |      |
|                   | Amount | Date |
| CL                |        |      |
| CCO               |        |      |
| COO               |        |      |
| NH                | ✓      |      |

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11 December 2019

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From overseas +61 3 8641 9083

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| TENTERFIELD SHIRE |        |      |
| COUNCIL           |        |      |
| 6/21              |        |      |
| 20 DEC 2019       |        |      |
| IFM 2019 755      |        |      |
|                   | Action | Info |
| CL                |        |      |
| CCO               |        |      |
| COO               |        |      |
| NH                | ✓      |      |

Hi Sir

### Your NAB Term Deposit will mature soon

We're writing to remind you that your NAB Term Deposit will mature on 27 December 2019 and to confirm your maturity instructions.

#### NAB Term Deposit account 42-388-8697

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Account name       | Border Regional Organisation of Councils |
| Amount             | \$10,052.36                              |
| Term               | 1 year                                   |
| Interest rate p.a. | 2.75%                                    |
| Interest frequency | At maturity                              |
| Interest           | \$276.44                                 |
| Start date         | 27 December 2018                         |
| Maturity date      | 27 December 2019                         |



#### What you've instructed us to do at maturity

##### Term Deposit and interest

To be reinvested as a new NAB Term Deposit at Maturity on the same terms and conditions

**New amount \$10,328.80**

**Term 1 year**

**Rate** The indicative interest rate for your new NAB Term Deposit is 1.20% p.a. and is subject to change. The actual rate may be higher or lower than your current rate. You can find our current interest rates by visiting [nab.com.au/tdrates](http://nab.com.au/tdrates)



#### Important information

We will send you a confirmation letter upon reinvestment of your new NAB Term Deposit  
**At maturity** you have 7 calendar days to make any changes to your new NAB Term Deposit or withdraw your money without cost

**Update your term deposit** with the NAB Mobile App (for terms up to 12 months) or Internet Banking (for any term) - it's fast and easy to do in 3 easy steps, simply login and follow the prompts.

**If you think** you'll need immediate access to your money, then an 'at call' product may be more suitable

**If you need** to withdraw part or all of your Term Deposit before maturity, you must give 31 days' notice and a reduction in interest will apply



30 December 2019

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BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS  
PO BOX 214  
TENTERFIELD NSW 2372

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| TENTERFIELD SHIRE |        |      |
| COUNCIL           |        |      |
| 6/21              |        |      |
| - 8 JAN 2020      |        |      |
| IFM 2020 110      |        |      |
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| CE                |        |      |
| CCO               |        |      |
| COO               |        |      |
| NH                | ✓      |      |

Hi Sir

### Here are the details of your new NAB Term Deposit

Your NAB Term Deposit matured on 27 December 2019. Following your instructions we:

- Reinvested \$10,052.36 into a new NAB Term Deposit, plus an interest amount of \$276.44

Please check the details below. If you would like to make any changes or withdraw your money without cost, you need to let us know by 3 January 2020.

#### NAB Term Deposit account 42-388-8697

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Account name       | Border Regional Organisation of Councils |
| Amount             | \$10,328.80                              |
| Term               | 1 year                                   |
| Interest rate p.a. | 1.50%                                    |
| Interest frequency | At maturity                              |
| Interest           | \$155.36                                 |
| Start date         | 27 December 2019                         |
| Maturity date      | 27 December 2020                         |



#### What you've instructed us to do at next maturity

**Term Deposit and Interest \$10,484.16**  
As we don't have any maturity instructions recorded for you, we will reinvest as a new NAB Term Deposit for the same term, with the interest rate that applies at maturity and on the same terms and conditions



#### Important information

**If you need** to withdraw part or all of your Term Deposit before maturity you must give 31 days' notice and a reduction in interest will apply

**We will** send you a reminder letter before your NAB Term Deposit matures

**At maturity** you have 7 calendar days to make any changes to your new NAB Term Deposit or withdraw your money without cost

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23 January 2020

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| TENTERFIELD SHIRE |       |      |
| COUNCIL           |       |      |
| 6/21              |       |      |
| 29 JAN 2020       |       |      |
| IFM 2020 217      |       |      |
|                   | As to | Info |
| GL                |       |      |
| CCO               |       |      |
| COO               |       |      |
| NH                | ✓     |      |

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TENTERFIELD NSW 2372

## Fixed Term Certificate

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Customer Name        | Border Regional Organisation Of Councils              |
| Customer Number      | 393573 I2   |
| Deposit Number       | 7561  |
| Deposit Term         | 3 months  |
| Deposit Date         | 22 JAN 2020   |
| Interest Rate        | 1.450%  |
| Deposit Amount       | \$11,224.91   |
| Interest Instruction | INTEREST COMPOUNDED (LESS POSSIBLE TAXES)             |
| Maturity Instruction | INVESTMENT (LESS POSSIBLE TAXES) RENEWED FOR 3 months |

Your deposit has been accepted on the term and rate set out above. You should check all the above details and advise the Credit Union immediately if there are any discrepancies.

Please note should you wish to change any details you have a 7 day grace period from the date of deposit to make any changes.

You should be aware that the interest rate is not subject to variation during the deposit term. Request for early redemption will be considered with an interest adjustment of less 2%. No interest is paid where the deposit is held for less than 30 days.

This certificate serves as a record of your Fixed Term Deposit with the Warwick Credit Union Ltd. It is not a negotiable document.

Thank you for depositing your funds with the Warwick Credit Union.

10/12/2019

Border Regional Organisation Of Councils  
c/- Noelene Hyde, Secretary  
PO Box 214  
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| 17 DEC 2019       |      |
| IFM 2019 746      |      |
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| GL                |      |
| COO               |      |
| COO               |      |
| NH                | ✓    |

Dear Customer,

We're writing to remind you that your Fixed Term Deposit will mature on the 22 JAN 20.

Please note that the interest rate we advertise on the day of maturity will be the one we apply to your new fixed term deposit.

As the Credit Union may have special rates from time to time, the interest rate applicable to your term deposit may be higher or lower than the interest rate that you received for this term deposit. We recommend you contact us on 22 JAN 20 to determine if the interest rate that applies to your new investment meets your needs. Rest assured you can make changes up to 7 calendar days after maturity.

An indicative interest rate has been listed for information purposes only as our fixed term deposit interest rates may change daily. Please visit [www.wcu.com.au](http://www.wcu.com.au) or call us on 1300 724433 on 22 JAN 20 to find out the applicable interest rate for your new fixed term deposit.

**Existing Fixed Term details**

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Account Number:           | 393573 I2                                  |
| Amount Invested           | \$11,179.85                                |
| Term                      | 3 months                                   |
| Interest Rate p.a.        | 1.600%                                     |
| Interest Frequency        | COMPOUND INTEREST TO ACCOUNT NO. 393573 I2 |
| Interest Paid at maturity | \$45.09                                    |

If we do not hear from you prior to your fixed term deposit maturing, it will be handled in accordance with instructions given at the time of lodgment of the fixed term deposit, at the interest rate applicable on the day of maturity. The indicative rate is 1.550% and is subject to change.

To change your instructions please contact us on 1300 724433 or visit your nearest Credit Union branch.

After your current fixed term deposit matures, we will send you a confirmation letter with all the details of your new investment, including the applicable interest rate.

Yours faithfully,



Lewis Von Stieglitz  
Chief Executive Officer





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Fax: 07 4655 3131  
email: [council@bulloo.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@bulloo.qld.gov.au)  
ABN 77 018 448 039

All correspondence to be addressed to:  
The Chief Executive Officer  
PO Box 46  
THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492

Bulloo  
Shire

Our Ref: 109609/DH

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17 December 2019

Mayor Cr Peter Petty  
Chair  
Border Regional Organisation of Councils (BROC)  
Tenterfield Shire Council  
PO Box 21  
TENTERFIELD NSW 2372  
[broc@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:broc@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Mayor Petty

**RE: Membership application for Border Regional Organisation of Councils (BROC)**

Further to Mayor Ferguson's attendance at the BROC meeting in November, Council gave consideration to applying for membership at its ordinary meeting held 13 December 2019.

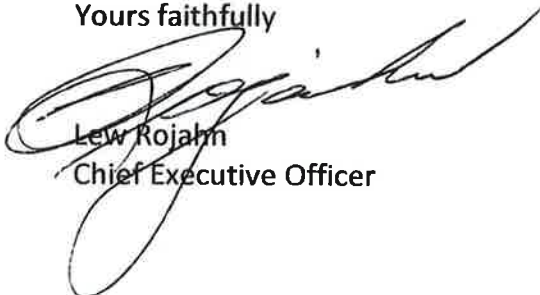
At this meeting Council resolved to become a financial member of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils (BROC).

As conveyed in Mayor Ferguson's address during the November meeting held in Moree, Bulloo Shire shares many cross border issues such as tourism, water, health, transport, electricity supply and biosecurity. Consequently we would like to submit on Council's behalf an application for membership of your organisation.

We look forward to hearing the outcome in 2020.

If you have any queries or require further information in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned by email [Council@bulloo.qld.gov.au](mailto:Council@bulloo.qld.gov.au) or by contacting the Council office on (07) 4621 8000.

Yours faithfully



Lew Rojahn  
Chief Executive Officer



# MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

Administration Center: Level 2, 30 Heber Street, Moree NSW 2400  
Enquiries Phone: (02) 6757 3222 Fax: (02) 6752 3934  
ABN: 46 566 790 582

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## STATEMENT

Please direct all mail to PO Box 420, Moree NSW 2400

email: council@mpsc.nsw.gov.au

OK  
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To: Border Regional Organisation Of Councils  
PO Box 214  
TENTERFIELD NSW 2372

Debtor Acc. 4127.12  
Date: 31/10/2019

| DATE   | RECEIPT / INV # | DESCRIPTION                 | ORIG / RCVD | BALANCE   |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 21/10/2019   | 42776           | BROC TRANSPORT STUDY UPDATE | 10,000.00   | 10,000.00 |
| <p>30 Days                      60 Days                      90 Days                      120 Days                      Current</p> <p>0.00                              0.00                              0.00                              0.00                              10,000.00</p> |                 |                             |             |           |

Payment can be made to the following account:  
BSB: 062-574 ACC: 0000 1239 ACC: Moree Plains Shire Council

**TOTAL 10,000.00**

### MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL - REMITTANCE ADVICE SLIP (Please return this slip with your payment to PO Box 420, Moree NSW 2400)

To: Border Regional Organisation Of Councils  
PO Box 214  
TENTERFIELD NSW 2372

DUE DATE: 30/11/2019 AMOUNT DUE: 10,000.00  
ACCOUNT No. 4127.12



Reference: MU: BK 09/1599/3184

Your Reference:

Contact: Michael Urquhart

31 January 2020

Mr Lester Rodgers  
General Manager  
Moree Plains Shire Council  
PO Box 420  
Moree NSW 2400

Via email: [Angus.Witherby@mpsc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Angus.Witherby@mpsc.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Sir

***RE Letter of Support - Border Region Inland Rail Connectivity Project***

I write on behalf of Walgett Shire Council to support the Border Regional Organisation of Councils' Inland Rail Connectivity Project (the Project) and their expression of interest to the Federal Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program submitted on 31 October 2019.

Inland Rail is a once in a lifetime transformational project that is creating a "corridor of opportunity" between Melbourne and Brisbane. Along that corridor are a range of value-adding opportunities, of which the Border Region Inland Rail Connectivity Project is one.

Improved freight connectivity allows the region to be more connected to the inland rail and realise the many benefits including better access to ports, lower freight costs and faster farm-port supply chain. This will in turn increase economic activity, attract investment of agricultural and non-agricultural industries within our Shire.

**Project overview**

The Project is to review access opportunities to Inland Rail in Goondiwindi and surrounding region, with the aim of improving connectivity for high productivity vehicles to either potential or existing intermodal sites on existing active or inactive rail corridors. It would also investigate and develop a cost benefit analysis of proposed rail and intermodal opportunities that would provide for standard gauge trains up to 1800m to have direct connection to Inland Rail in the Goondiwindi region through the use of and upgrade of existing infrastructure.

A number of roads, rail and intermodal sites within the existing network in the Goondiwindi region have been preliminarily identified to have high potential to increase network productivity and improve capacity of the supply chain should they be upgraded. The Project would assess the following:

- upgrading Bruxner Way
- refurbishing and connecting the existing Boggabilla siding connection to Inland Rail
- extending a dual gauge rail line west from Goondiwindi towards (potentially) Thallon
- upgrading potential choke points on the major roads linking to Goondiwindi.

### **Issues the Project will help address**

The Project offers significant opportunities in terms of supply chain optimisation, in particular moving to an integrated supply chain from farm gate to port. This can include "just-in-time" supply chain provision which would significantly reduce costs for growers. In addition, developing modern intermodal facilities would provide further value adding opportunities through enabling shipping in containers as well as traditional bulk shipments. The sites proposed to be reviewed have direct road and rail frontage, also providing improved access opportunities.

There are a number of key constraints that the Project seeks to address, in particular:

- lack of standard gauge connectivity to Inland Rail in the Goondiwindi region, whereby the sole rail access in Queensland is only through narrow-gauge rail
- lack of modern intermodal opportunities, by reducing the need for new greenfield sites through facilitating enhanced Intermodal opportunities, both existing operational and mothballed
- network squeeze points on the feeder roads in the region through identification and costing of remediation.

### **Expected benefits**

Investigating these sites for purposes of upgrading infrastructure for Inland Rail connectivity will have a significant benefit for community and businesses in the Border Region:

- **Community:** Benefits are specifically aligned with freeing up of investment capital in the agribusiness sector through cost reductions which releases capital for value-added opportunities that would create regional economic diversification and stimulate local employment. For example, there is very strong support for injection of jobs from construction activities and, more importantly, ongoing activities associated with intermodal operations, freight logistics and value-added industry.
- **Industry:** Benefits would accrue to a range of industry stakeholders. In particular, there would be benefits to the agribusiness sector through reduced input costs; benefits to the logistics industry (road and rail) through enhanced operations; benefits to the road freight industry through a shift from long haul to short-haul operations; and benefits to value add and secondary processing industries based on agricultural produce.
- **Government:** Benefits would accrue to the Federal Government through increased utilisation of Inland Rail which is being developed as a business proposition. State governments would benefit from reduced impact on state and regional roads and also from enhanced port activity. Local governments would benefit from reduced impact on local roads and also more secure revenue base through stronger regional economies.

### **Project delivery**

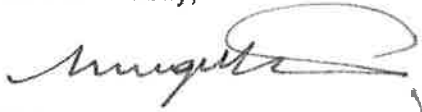
Delivering upgrades as a result of findings from this Project is anticipated to be relatively straightforward given the vast majority of infrastructure would be on brownfield locations. Some additional rail infrastructure may be required to optimise siding usage which could involve some small areas of greenfield site. Effectively using existing corridors may reduce the need for facilities such as "Y" connectors to the Inland Rail network.

The existing operational and mothballed intermodal sites would also facilitate project delivery as they provide appropriate interface opportunities to take advantage of any siding upgrades.

Walgett Shire Council strongly supports the Border Regions Inland Connectivity Project and we congratulate the Border Regional Organisation of Councils and their project facilitators Moree Plains Shire Council for this initiative.

Should you require any further information regarding this letter of support for the Project, please contact me on (02) 6828 6152.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Urquhart', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Urquhart  
Acting General Manager  
Walgett Shire Council



Ref: 20/1971

31 January 2020

Mr Lester Rodgers  
General Manager  
Moree Plains Shire Council  
PO Box 420  
MOREE NSW 2400

Via email: [Angus.Witherby@mpsc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Angus.Witherby@mpsc.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Sir

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Gwydir Shire Council covers 9,122 square kilometres and is predominately rich cropping and grazing land. The Project will enable significant freight efficiencies for Gwydir's agricultural sector through better access to cheaper transport via the Inland Rail corridor along with faster and cheaper access to ports and other markets. Flow on economic benefits to the Local Government Area may be realised through a subsequent increase of investment in local agricultural industries.

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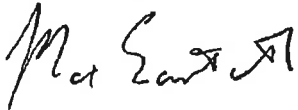
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Yours faithfully



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Date: 3 February 2020

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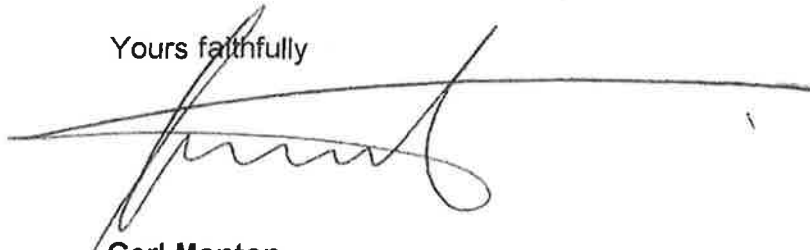
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## *Birthplace of Our Nation*

7 February 2020  
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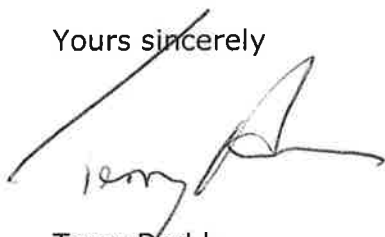
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Terry Dodds  
**Chief Executive**



**John Barilaro**

Deputy Premier  
Minister for Regional NSW, Industry and Trade

**Paul Toole**

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Thursday, 23 January 2020

### **EXPERT PANEL ANNOUNCED FOR REGIONAL ROADS RECLASSIFICATION**

The NSW Government has established an expert panel to identify up to 15,000 kilometres of council-managed roads in rural and regional areas to hand back to the state, easing the burden on local ratepayers.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro said the Panel will conduct a review of the road classification framework and recommend roads for transfer to the State Government.

“This is about delivering on our election commitment to take the financial burden off local councils and ratepayers, and builds on the record investment we are making in roads in the bush,” Mr Barilaro said.

“Everyone in a regional area has a story about a road that isn’t up to scratch and turns their knuckles white when driving on it - and that isn’t good enough.

“This project is even more important now, with the drought and bushfires heavily impacting regional councils. Road maintenance is something they shouldn’t have to manage on their own.”

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said former NRMA president Wendy Machin would chair the panel and would be supported by five other members with expertise and experience in roads, transport, engineering, local government and other sectors.

The members of the Panel are:

- Ms Wendy Machin
- Mr Peter Duncan AM
- Ms Jillian Kilby
- Mr John Roydhouse
- Mr Michael Kilgariff
- Mr Peter Tegart

Mr Toole said the project was about ensuring a safe and modern road network for generations to come.

“The demands on our roads are changing. As we open up more regional centres and

provide better connectivity across the State, it is vital that the system for managing and maintaining the network is supporting local communities, freight operators and motorists," Mr Toole said.

"The NSW Government is already making an unprecedented investment in our regional roads and will build on that by taking back the road maintenance costs for up to 15,000km of roads, easing pressure on local councils and ratepayers.

"The Independent Panel will provide advice on which roads should be transferred to the State and how to prioritise them."

Mr Toole said the Panel will be conducting extensive consultations with councils and other key stakeholders, and is not expected to deliver its report until July 2021 at the earliest.

"This is a monumental task, with more than 180,000 kilometres of roads across the State's entire road network and a complicated funding and maintenance program. It's critical we give the Panel sufficient time to talk to stakeholders and do a thorough review," Mr Toole said.

The Panel is expected to meet this month and will prepare a discussion paper and consultation strategy for public release shortly afterwards.

The draft Terms of Reference will be distributed directly to councils for their consideration and feedback.

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4 February 2020

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Dear Cr Petty *Peter,*

Thank you for sending to me a copy of your letter dated 29 January 2020 addressed to the NSW Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shelly Hancock MP, on behalf of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils (BROC) regarding exclusion fencing in the Balonne Shire Council area, how the availability of loan funding from the Queensland Government to Balonne Shire for on-lending to local farmers is contributing to the reinvigoration of the sheep industry in this area and BROC's call for Minister Hancock to amend Legislation regarding the special rates scheme with particular respect to exclusion fencing and to make representations to IPART.

Thank you also for forwarding a copy of your letter of the same date to the NSW Minister Agriculture and Western NSW, the Hon Adam Marshall MP, regarding this matter.

I appreciate receiving copies of your correspondence and have noted the proposed tour of exclusion fencing in the Bolonne Shire area on 13 February 2020 with Minister Hancock and Minister Marshall.

I have written to Minister Hancock asking if consideration could be given to BROC's requests in light of the points raised in your correspondence and for her advice.

A copy of my representations have been forwarded to Minister Marshall for his information and I will be in touch with you when I have received a reply from Minister Hancock.

It is great to see the excellent outcomes being achieved through exclusion fencing and, as always, if I can further assist at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP  
Federal Member for New England

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