

Our Vision: A thriving region abundant in sustainable communities

Our Strategic Regional Priorities



**Improve Water
Security**



**Improve Energy
Security and
Affordability**



**Improve Transport
Connectivity for
Freight and People**



**Improve Digital
Connectivity**



**Better Match Health
Services to our
Changing Needs**



**Boost Industry,
Workforce and
Jobs**

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