

# FAR WEST JOINT ORGANISATION

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### INAUGURAL MEETING OF FAR SOUTH WEST JOINT ORGANISATION



*(Members of the Far West Joint Organisation)*

The newly established Far West Joint Organisation (FWJO) conducted its inaugural meeting in Broken Hill on Thursday 26 July 2018.

The Joint Organisation comprises the councils of Balranald Shire, Broken Hill City, Central Darling Shire and Wentworth Shire. Three Mayors and one Administrator of these councils are the voting members of the FSWJO Board.

Councillor Melisa Hederics Mayor of Wentworth Shire Council was elected chairperson. Councillor Leigh Byron was elected the deputy chairperson.

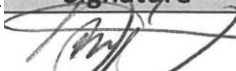
Mayor Hederics said there was a lot of work ahead for this newly formed regional local Government body.

"I am optimistic that the councils will make a difference in the Far West regional footprint and work collaboratively with other levels of government, agencies, communities and business to improve the bottom line for all residents in our vast region".

The FWJO will have a number of non-voting representatives including a representative from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Deputy Mayors and General Managers from each of the member Councils.

Mayor Hederics went on to say that the Far West Joint Organisation is well aware of the challenges for the region but it was also clear that the FWJO would strive for a stronger say on social, economic and environmental issues, and direct dialogue with decision makers from the other two levels of Government.

"A key outcome for the FWJO is to make member Councils stronger individual local government units in the region."

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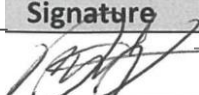
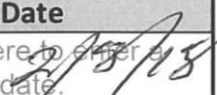
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