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\$1.95 MILLION TO STRENGTHEN JOINT ORGANISATIONS FOR REGIONAL COMMUNITIES

A \$1.95 million funding injection for the state's network of 13 joint organisations has been announced by the NSW Government today, strengthening their sustainability and capacity to deliver priority projects for regional communities.

Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock said the additional round of funding, under Round Two of the Joint Organisation Capacity Building Fund, will help improve regional infrastructure and services today and in the future.

"Our 13 joint organisations comprise of 87 councils and are pivotal to strengthening collaboration and engagement between the NSW Government and local government sector, and improving the delivery of infrastructure and services to regional communities," Mrs Hancock said.

"Joint organisations have transformed the way the NSW Government and local councils collaborate and set priorities to take on important regional projects.

"The NSW Government committed \$4.3 million to establish 13 joint organisations and we are now providing an additional \$150,000 per joint organisation to further develop their capabilities.

"This round of funding will provide financial assistance, especially for the joint organisations impacted by COVID-19 and natural disasters, to help undertake an existing or new project that addresses their strategic priorities.

"Joint organisations are working on delivering a range of worthwhile projects including increasing tourism and business opportunities, developing workforce skills in regional centres, improving energy efficiency, achieving best practice in procurement, and preserving biodiversity.

"The NSW Government is committed to the ongoing success of the state's network of joint organisations to ensure they deliver for our regions."

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