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Subject: Letter of support for the Lachlan Regional Water Strategy

Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation (RGDC) welcomes the opportunity to comment in support of the draft Lachlan Regional Water Strategy.

NSW Special Activation Precincts

The NSW Government has announced \$1 billion to fund the development of five Special Activation Precincts to drive economic growth and prosperity in regional NSW. The precincts leverage catalyst infrastructure such as the Australian Government's Inland Rail project.

The precincts will become world-class enterprise zones fostering innovation, value creation and competitiveness by bringing together industry, research institutions and government.

RGDC is leading the delivery of these precincts, offering fast track planning approvals, government-funded infrastructure and business support services to attract investment from the world's industry leaders.

Parkes Special Activation Precinct

The Parkes Special Activation Precinct will leverage the connectivity of the Inland Rail to create Australia's largest inland port, servicing domestic and international markets. The precinct will help drive economic investment and prosperity for the central west region.

The Parkes precinct will be Australia's first UNIDO Eco Industrial Park, based on sustainable circular economy principles and implement reusable and recycled energy including resource recovery.

RGDC will develop infrastructure to enable the establishment of the precinct including a fully integrated water cycle, supporting the needs of the precinct and environment.

Lachlan Regional Water Strategy

RGDC supports the Lachlan Regional Water Strategy to deliver a reliable water supply to support the long-term growth and prosperity of the central west region. The strategy will also enable the long-term expansion of the Parkes Special Activation Precinct as the local industry and community continue to grow.

RGDC has worked closely with Parkes Shire Council and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to support planning for the water demands and opportunities within and flowing from the precinct. The water supply for the Parkes precinct is secured for the short to medium term based on the likely demand assessed during the master planning process. However, the long-term water demands of the precinct could change over time dependent on the businesses which locate within the precinct. Therefore, the RGDC is supportive of any project proposed in the draft Lachlan Regional Water Strategy that supports the long-term water security of Parkes and the Special Activation Precinct.

Thank you for your consideration of RGDC's comments regarding the draft Lachlan Regional Water Strategy.

Yours sincerely,

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