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## Announcement of Joint Organisation Pilots

### What's new or changing

- The Minister for Local Government has announced the regional groupings of councils that will assist the NSW Government to pilot Joint Organisations, a key component of the Fit for the Future package to strengthen local government.
- The five groups of councils that will pilot Joint Organisations throughout 2015 are: the Central West, Hunter, Illawarra, Namoi and Riverina regions.

### What this will mean for your council

- All councils outside of Greater Sydney will be a member of a Joint Organisation from September 2016.
- The pilots will ensure a robust yet flexible Joint Organisation model is developed through collaboration between the State Government and local councils, and inform the approach to implementation.

### Key points

- Eleven applications, covering 14 regions, were received from across regional NSW.
- Given the strong interest in participating in a pilot expressed by councils, as well as the high quality of the applications, the Government will consider the possibility of initiating further pilots prior to the proposed State-wide roll out in 2016.
- The pilots will commence shortly, with a series of workshops to help initiate the process.

### Where to go for further information

- Further information about Joint Organisations and the pilot process is available in the publication, [Joint Organisations: A roadmap for intergovernmental collaboration in NSW](#), available at: [www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au).



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