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Dear Cr. Tout

### Invitation to join the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation as an Associate Member

In late 2023, the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (**RAMJO**) Board under the Chairmanship of Cr. Patrick Bourke, began discussions around expanding RAMJO's membership base, in anticipation of being required to update and redefine its *Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities*, within one (1) year of the 2024 September Local Government elections. Our board wanted to ensure that relevant stakeholders had an opportunity to genuinely contribute to this important work.

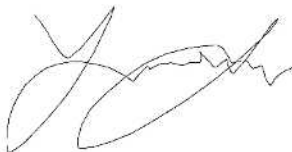
As such, City of Wagga Wagga was identified as a valued stakeholder and potential future member, with whom RAMJO would like to further collaborate with. Subsequently, the board resolved to formally invite City of Wagga Wagga to join RAMJO, as a non-voting Associate Member.

There is no fee with Associate Membership of RAMJO. As an Associate Member, City of Wagga Wagga would be invited to participate in a non-voting capacity at RAMJO's quarterly board meetings, General Managers Advisory Committee meetings, sub-committees and technical working groups, workshops, events and potentially, any programs and projects that are of interest. Furthermore, this level of membership would allow both City of Wagga Wagga and RAMJO to assess common objectives and determine potential for a more formal partnership should this be of interest, a timely pursuit given the approaching *Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities* work approaching on the near horizon.

Should you wish to discuss our invitation in more detail or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [yvonne.lingua@ramjo.nsw.gov.au](mailto:yvonne.lingua@ramjo.nsw.gov.au) or on 0408 498 534. Our Chairman Cr. Patrick Bourke can also be contacted on 0403 541 227.

All the best and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely



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