

JOINT STATEMENT

WIMMERA SOUTHERN MALLEE ALLIANCE

The six councils of the Wimmera and Southern Mallee region have joined forces in a new Alliance to advocate for the needs of their region.

Representing Buloke, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Northern Grampians, West Wimmera, and Yarriambiack, the Wimmera Southern Mallee Alliance was formed to deliver enduring social, economic, and environmental value for local communities through collaborative leadership and coordinated action.

Each council has relatively small rate bases, represent remote communities and manage large asset bases. They are increasingly the location for a range of major projects backed by state and federal governments.

By coming together, the Alliance plans to amplify advocacy and present a united, credible voice for the Wimmera Southern Mallee.

In an election year for the state, a key objective of the Alliance is to ensure government initiatives leave a lasting positive legacy—addressing challenges such as housing, transport, workforce development, and community wellbeing.

The Alliance is calling on the state government to recognize the distinct challenges faced by small rural councils and to partner with them to deliver real, lasting benefits for the region.

We urge the state government to work with us to secure the tangible outcomes our communities need and deserve.

Together, we are stronger – and together, we call on the state government to act responsibly and ensure a sustainable future for our communities.

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