



The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP
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Dear Clr Hannan

Thank you for your letter of 27 March 2017, outlining Berrigan Council's views on Joint Organisations (JOs).

As you are aware, the NSW Government has undertaken extensive consultation with the local government sector on the JO model and provided funding for five pilot organisations to test various aspects of the model.

The Government is now considering the next stages of this reform, having regard to the feedback received from local councils. At this stage, no decisions have been made regarding the final boundaries for JOs, or the specific timing and funding arrangements for their establishment. The Minister will give careful consideration to your council's views in progressing this matter.

Yours sincerely

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