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Dear Mr Gainger

I am pleased to be writing to you following the recent passage by the NSW Parliament of the *Local Government Amendment (Regional Joint Organisations) Bill 2017*. This legislation allows for councils to voluntarily join new Joint Organisations (JOs) to strengthen regional coordination and improve the delivery of important infrastructure and services for communities through strategic planning, collaboration and shared leadership and advocacy.

Council has recently been invited to nominate to form a JO and I encourage you to commence negotiations with the councils in your planning region on how a JO may be established to best support your community.

To assist Council in considering to form a JO, enclosed is an information pack that includes the following resources:

- Guidance information on how to submit a nomination to form a JO
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Office of Local Government contacts for support.

The Office of Local Government welcomes this opportunity to work with you in establishing a JO and is available to discuss what assistance can be offered to your council and region as you consider the benefits of joining a JO.

Please contact Mr Chris Presland, Director Reform Implementation on (02) 4428 4100 or [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au) if you have any further enquiries.

Yours sincerely

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