

# Far North West Joint Organisation

## GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 2025

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### Overview

Far North West Joint Organisation is constituted under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and has its principal place of business at:

36 Linsley St  
Cobar NSW 2835

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# Far North West Joint Organisation

## General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

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### Statement by Members of the Board and Management pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (as amended)

The attached General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (as amended) and the regulations made thereunder,
- the Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the Joint Organisations Supplement to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the JO's operating result and financial position for the period
- accord with JO's accounting and other records.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Far North West Joint Organisation made on 25 July 2025.



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Jarrod Marsden  
Chairperson  
25 July 2025



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Lachlan Ford  
Voting Representative Board Member  
25 July 2025



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Ross Earl  
Executive Officer  
25 July 2025

## Far North West Joint Organisation

### Statement of Income and Accumulated Surplus

for the year ended 30 June 2025

\$	Notes	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>			
Member Council contributions	B1-1	60,000	37,207
Other income	B1-2	22,027	23,833
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B1-3	2,142,492	1,537,139
Interest and investment income	B1-4	97,466	139,263
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,321,985</b>	<b>1,737,442</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee benefits and on-costs	B2-1	261,016	216,208
Operating expenses	B2-2	2,358,183	1,709,475
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>2,619,199</b>	<b>1,925,683</b>
<b>Operating result from continuing operations excluding depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets</b>		<b>(297,214)</b>	<b>(188,241)</b>
<b>Net operating result for the year</b>		<b>(297,214)</b>	<b>(188,241)</b>
Accumulated surplus at 1 July		1,999,124	2,187,365
Net operating result for the period		(297,214)	(188,241)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>(297,214)</b>	<b>(188,241)</b>
<b>Accumulated surplus as at 30 June</b>		<b>1,701,910</b>	<b>1,999,124</b>

The above Statement of Income and Accumulated Surplus should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

# Far North West Joint Organisation

## Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2025

\$	Notes	2025	2024
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	1,542,924	778,827
Investments	C1-2	2,000,000	2,000,000
Receivables	C1-4	79,111	333,677
Contract assets and contract cost assets	C1-5	193,360	171,070
Other	C1-6	115,266	191,216
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>3,930,661</b>	<b>3,474,790</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>3,930,661</b>	<b>3,474,790</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables	C2-1	133,129	71,212
Contract liabilities	C2-2	2,095,622	1,404,454
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>2,228,751</b>	<b>1,475,666</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2,228,751</b>	<b>1,475,666</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,701,910</b>	<b>1,999,124</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated surplus		1,701,910	1,999,124
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>1,701,910</b>	<b>1,999,124</b>

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Far North West Joint Organisation

### Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2025

\$	Notes	2025	2024
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Member council contributions		96,433	9,197
Interest received		89,789	125,200
Grants		3,040,268	400,870
GST Received		220,572	158,422
<b>Payments:</b>			
Payments to employees		(322,137)	(179,000)
Operating expenses		(2,436,778)	(1,909,981)
Other		75,950	(191,216)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>		<b>764,097</b>	<b>(1,586,508)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
<b>Receipts:</b>			
Sale of investments		1,500,000	2,000,000
<b>Payments:</b>			
Acquisition of term deposits		(1,500,000)	(1,000,000)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>764,097</b>	<b>(586,508)</b>
Plus: cash and cash equivalents – beginning of period		778,827	1,365,335
<b>Cash and cash equivalents – end of the period</b>	C1-1	<b>1,542,924</b>	<b>778,827</b>
plus: Investments on hand at end of year	C1-2	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>Total cash, cash equivalents and investments</b>		<b>3,542,924</b>	<b>2,778,827</b>

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Far North West Joint Organisation

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## A About the Joint organisation and these financial statements

### A1-1 Basis of preparation

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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the JO on 25 July 2025. The JO has the power to amend and reissue these financial statements in cases where critical information is received from public submissions or where the OLG directs The JO to amend the financial statements.

The material accounting policy information related to these financial statements are set out below. Accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards simplified disclosures and Australian Accounting Interpretations, the *Local Government Act 1993 (Act)* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (Regulation)*, and the Joint Organisation Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

Far North West Joint Organisation is a not for-profit entity.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars.

#### **New and amended standards adopted by JO**

During the year the JO adopted all accounting standards and interpretations (as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board) which were mandatorily effective from the first time at 30 June 2025.

The following new standard is effective for the first time at 30 June 2025:

- **AASB 2022-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Fair Value Measurement of Non-Financial Assets of Not-for-Profit Public Sector Entities.**

There is not expected to be significant impact on the JO's' reported financial position.

#### **Historical cost convention**

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### **Accounting estimates and judgements**

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the JO's accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the JO and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities that are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flows.



## B Financial Performance

### B1 Sources of income

#### B1-1 Member Council contributions

\$	2025	2024
Cobar Shire Council	20,000	12,335
Walgett Shire Council	20,000	13,221
Bourke Shire Council	20,000	11,651
<b>TOTAL MEMBER COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>37,207</b>

#### Material accounting policy information

Contributions by member councils are recognised as revenue at the point in time for when the amount to be paid for the period has been determined and communicated to councils. The contribution may be in the form of a cash payment or non-monetary contribution (which is recorded at its fair value).

The methodology for determining the contribution is:

- equal contributions by all member councils in order to perform the principal functions of delivering on strategic regional priorities, regional leadership and intergovernmental cooperation.
- contributions by participating member councils for other functions of enhancing strategic capacity and direct service delivery.

#### B1-2 Other income

\$	2025	2024
Other	22,027	23,833
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>22,027</b>	<b>23,833</b>

#### Timing of revenue recognition for other income

Other income recognised at a point in time (2)	22,027	23,833
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>22,027</b>	<b>23,833</b>

Other income is recorded when the payment is due, the value of the payment is notified, or the payment is received, whichever occurs first.

#### B1-3 Grants

\$	Timing	Operating 2025	Operating 2024
Air Services Subsidy		1,308,832	1,064,569
JONZA Funding		233,660	217,570
RDRP Funding		600,000	205,000
FDF: Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought		–	50,000
<b>Total grants</b>		<b>2,142,492</b>	<b>1,537,139</b>
<b>Comprising:</b>			
– State funding		2,209,159	1,537,139
– Other funding		(66,667)	–
		<b>2,142,492</b>	<b>1,537,139</b>

#### Grants

\$	Operating 2025	Operating 2024
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### B1-3 Grants (continued)

\$	Operating 2025	Operating 2024
<b>Timing of revenue recognition for grants</b>		
Grants recognised over time (1)	833,660	472,570
Grants recognised at a point in time (2)	1,308,832	1,064,569
<b>Total grants</b>	<b>2,142,492</b>	<b>1,537,139</b>

The timing column notation (above) identifies the revenue recognition pattern for material items of Council's revenue:

- (1) indicates income recognised under AASB 15 or AASB 1058 "over time",  
 (2) indicates income recognised under AASB 15 or AASB 1058 "at a point in time".

### Unspent grants and contributions

Certain grants and contributions are obtained by the JO on the condition they be spent in a specified manner or in a future period but which are not yet spent in accordance with those conditions are as follows:

\$	Operating 2025	Operating 2024
<b>Unspent grants and contributions</b>		
Unspent funds at 1 July	1,404,454	2,469,023
<b>Add:</b> Funds received and not recognised as revenue in the current year	2,000,000	–
<b>Less:</b> Funds received in prior year but revenue recognised and funds spent in current year	(1,308,832)	(1,064,569)
<b>Unspent funds at 30 June</b>	<b>2,095,622</b>	<b>1,404,454</b>

### Material accounting policy information

#### Grants – enforceable agreement with sufficiently specific performance obligations

Grant revenue arising from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised as or when control of each performance obligations is transferred.

The performance obligations vary according to the agreement. Payment terms vary depending on the terms of the grant, cash is received upfront for some grants and on the achievement of certain payment milestones for others.

Performance obligations may be satisfied either at a point in time or over time and this is reflected in the revenue recognition pattern. Point in time recognition occurs when the beneficiary obtains control of the goods / services at a single time (e.g. completion of the project when a report / outcome is provided), whereas over time recognition is where the control of the services is ongoing throughout the project (e.g. provision of community health services through the year).

Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of benefit.

### B1-4 Interest and investment income

\$	2025	2024
<b>Interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost</b>		
– Cash and investments	97,466	139,263
<b>Total interest and investment income (losses)</b>	<b>97,466</b>	<b>139,263</b>

### Material accounting policy information

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate at the date that interest is earned.

## B2 Costs of providing services

### B2-1 Employee benefits and on-costs

\$	2025	2024
Salaries and wages	<b>228,481</b>	190,439
Superannuation	<b>28,557</b>	20,948
Workers' compensation insurance	<b>3,978</b>	4,821
<b>Total employee costs</b>	<b>261,016</b>	<b>216,208</b>
<b>Total employee costs expensed</b>	<b>261,016</b>	<b>216,208</b>

#### Material accounting policy information

Employee benefit expenses are recorded when the service has been provided by the employee.

### B2-2 Operating expenses

\$	Notes	2025	2024
Air Services expenses		<b>915,499</b>	1,064,569
Contractor expenses		<b>1,045,996</b>	566,204
Administration expenses		<b>334,163</b>	6,814
Audit Fees	E2-1	<b>11,785</b>	11,500
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>2,358,183</b>	<b>1,709,475</b>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>2,358,183</b>	<b>1,709,475</b>

#### Material accounting policy information

Expenses are recorded on an accruals basis as the JO receives the goods or services. The JO has received funding to deliver services across the region including subsidising an air service and various tourism and environment projects.

## C Financial position

### C1 Assets we manage

#### C1-1 Cash and cash equivalents

\$	2025	2024
<b>Cash assets</b>		
Cash on hand and at bank	1,542,924	778,827
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>1,542,924</b>	<b>778,827</b>

#### Material accounting policy information

For Statement of Cash Flow presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents include: cash on hand; deposits held at call with financial institutions; other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### C1-2 Financial investments

\$	2025 Current	2024 Current
<b>Debt securities at amortised cost</b>		
Term deposits	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

#### Material accounting policy information

Term deposits are initially recognised at fair value and then subsequently classified and measured at amortised cost. Interest income, impairment and gains or loss on derecognition are recognised in profit or loss.

### C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments

\$	2025	2024
(a) Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments		
<b>Total cash, cash equivalents and investments</b>	<b>3,542,924</b>	<b>2,778,827</b>
Less: Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	<b>(2,095,622)</b>	<b>(1,404,454)</b>
<b>Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions</b>	<b>1,447,302</b>	<b>1,374,373</b>
External restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise:		
Specific purpose unexpended grants (less administrative portion that is not restricted)	<b>2,095,622</b>	<b>1,404,454</b>

Cash, cash equivalents and investments subject to external restrictions are those which are only available for specific use by the JO due to a restriction placed by legislation or third-party contractual agreement.

### C1-4 Receivables

	2025 Current	2025 Non-current	2024 Current	2024 Non-current
\$				
Receivables from member Councils	8,680	—	39,113	—
Accrued revenues				
– Interest on investments	38,137	—	30,460	—
Grant receivables	17,732	—	208,630	—
Net GST receivable	14,562	—	55,474	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,111</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>333,677</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total net receivables</b>	<b>79,111</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>333,677</b>	<b>—</b>

#### Material accounting policy information

Receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

#### Impairment

Impairment of financial assets measured at amortised cost is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis.

The JO applies the simplified approach for receivables in providing for expected credit losses prescribed by AASB 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision. To measure the expected credit losses, non-rates and annual charges debtors have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

## C1-5 Contract assets and Contract cost assets

\$	2025 Current	2025 Non-current	2024 Current	2024 Non-current
Contract assets	193,360	–	171,070	–
<b>Total contract assets and contract cost assets</b>	<b>193,360</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>171,070</b>	<b>–</b>

### Material accounting policy information

#### Contract assets

Contract assets represent the JO's right to payment in exchange for goods or services the JO has transferred to a customer when that right is conditional on something other than the passage of time.

Contract assets arise when the amounts billed to customers are based on the achievement of various milestones established in the contract and therefore the amounts recognised as revenue in a given period do not necessarily coincide with the amounts billed to or certified by the customer. Once an invoice or payment claim is raised or the relevant milestone is reached, JO recognises a receivable.

Impairment of contract assets is assessed using the simplified expected credit loss model where lifetime credit losses are recognised on initial recognition.

#### Contract cost asset – costs to fulfil a contract

Where costs are incurred to fulfil a contract and these costs are outside the scope of another accounting standard, they are capitalised as contract cost assets if the following criteria are met:

- the costs relate directly to a contract
- the costs generate or enhance resources of the JO that will be used to satisfy performance obligations in the future and
- the costs are expected to be recovered.

The capitalised costs are recognised in the Income statement on a systematic basis consistent with the timing of revenue recognition.

## C1-6 Other

### Other assets

\$	2025 Current	2025 Non-current	2024 Current	2024 Non-current
Prepayments	115,266	–	191,216	–
<b>Total other assets</b>	<b>115,266</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>191,216</b>	<b>–</b>

## C2 Liabilities of the joint organisation

### C2-1 Payables

\$	2025 Current	2025 Non-current	2024 Current	2024 Non-current
Trade payables – operating expenditure	125,238	–	2,200	–
– Accrued Expenses	7,891	–	69,012	–
<b>Total payables</b>	<b>133,129</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>71,212</b>	<b>–</b>

#### Material accounting policy information

JO measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the JO comprise trade payables and other payables.

#### Payables

Trade payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the JO prior to the end of financial year that are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

### C2-2 Contract Liabilities

\$	Notes	2025 Current	2025 Non-current	2024 Current	2024 Non-current
Unexpended operating grants (received prior to performance obligation being satisfied)	(ii)	2,095,622	–	1,404,454	–
<b>Total contract liabilities</b>		<b>2,095,622</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,404,454</b>	<b>–</b>

#### Notes

The contract liability relates to grants received from the Western NSW Air Services Agreement prior to the revenue recognition criteria in AASB 15 being satisfied since the performance obligations are ongoing.

#### Material accounting policy information

When an amount of consideration is received from a customer / fund provider prior to JO transferring a good or service to the customer, JO presents the funds which exceed revenue recognised as a contract liability.

## D Risks and accounting uncertainties

### D1-1 Financial risk management

JO's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including **(1)** price risk, **(2)** credit risk, **(3)** liquidity risk and **(4)** interest rate risk.

The fair value of JO's financial assets and financial liabilities approximates their carrying amount.

#### (a) Market risk – interest rate and price risk

\$	2025	2024
The impact on the result for the year and equity of a reasonably possible movement in the price of investments held and interest rates is shown below. The reasonably possible movements were determined based on historical movements and economic conditions in place at the reporting date.		
Impact of a 3.85% movement in interest rates (2024 4.3%)		
– Equity / Income Statement	136	119

#### (b) Credit risk

JO's major receivables comprise of member council contributions.

The JO manages the credit risk associated with these receivables by monitoring outstanding debt and employing stringent debt recovery procedures.

The credit risk for liquid funds and other short-term financial assets is considered negligible, since the counterparties are reputable banks with high quality external credit ratings.

There are no material receivables that have been subjected to a re-negotiation of repayment terms.

#### (c) Liquidity risk

Payables are subject to liquidity risk – the risk that insufficient funds may be on hand to meet payment obligations as and when they fall due.

The JO manages this risk by monitoring its cash flow requirements and liquidity levels and maintaining an adequate cash buffer.



## E People and relationships

### E1 Related party disclosures

#### E1-1 Key management personnel (KMP)

Key management personnel (KMP) of the JO are those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the council, directly or indirectly.

The aggregate amount of KMP compensation included in employee expenses is:

\$	2025	2024
<b>Compensation:</b>		
Employment benefits	145,657	98,235
<b>Total</b>	<b>145,657</b>	<b>98,235</b>

#### Other related parties

Nature of the transaction	Transaction Value	Outstanding Balance
\$		
<b>2025</b>		
<b>Council member contributions</b>		
Bourke Shire Council	25,411	1,769
Cobar Shire Council	25,411	1,769
Walgett Shire Council	25,411	1,769
<b>Payment to member council</b>		
Bourke Shire Council	15,640	—
Cobar Shire Council (financial administration)	30,000	—
Walgett Shire Council	—	—
<b>2024</b>		
<b>Council member contributions</b>		
Bourke Shire Council	17,609	11,651
Cobar Shire Council	18,293	12,334
Walgett Shire Council	19,179	13,221
<b>Payment to member council</b>		
Bourke Shire Council	—	—
Cobar Shire Council (financial administration)	30,500	—
Walgett Shire Council	—	—

E2 Other relationships

E2-1 Audit fees

\$	2025	2024
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During the year, the following fees were incurred for services provided by the auditor of the JO.

Auditors of the JO - NSW Auditor-General:

Audit and review of financial statements	11,785	11,500
Total audit fees	11,785	11,500

F Other matters

F1-1 Events occurring after the reporting date

JO is unaware of any material or significant 'non-adjusting events' that should be disclosed.

End of the audited financial statements

## Far North West Joint Organisation

### General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2025

#### Independent Auditor's Reports:

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On the Financial Statements (Sect 417 [2])

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

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## Far North West Joint Organisation

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### Independent Auditor's Reports: (continued)

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#### On the Financial Statements (Sect 417 [3])

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Report on the general purpose financial statements

#### Far North West Joint Organisation

To the Board of Far North West Joint Organisation

### Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Far North West Joint Organisation (the Joint Organisation), which comprise the Statement by Members of the Board and Management, the Statement of Income and Accumulated Surplus for the year ended 30 June 2025, the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2025, the Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2025 and notes comprising a summary of material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

In my opinion:

- the Joint Organisation's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2 (the Division)
- the financial statements:
  - have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of the Division
  - are, in all material respects, consistent with the Joint Organisation's accounting records
  - present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Joint Organisation as at 30 June 2025, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures
- all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained
- no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements have come to light during the audit.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

### Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report.

I am independent of the Joint Organisation in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of joint organisations
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

I believe the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

## **Other Information**

The Joint Organisation's Annual Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025 includes other information in addition to the financial statements and my Independent Auditor's Report thereon. The Board is responsible for the other information.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information. Accordingly, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the other information.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude there is a material misstatement in the other information, I must report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

## **The Board's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements**

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Local Government Act 1993*, and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible for assessing the Joint Organisation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the financial statements.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the Joint Organisation carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited financial statements on any website where they may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.

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Karen Taylor  
Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

13 October 2025  
SYDNEY



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13 October 2025

Dear Mr Earl

**Report on the Conduct of the Audit**  
**for the year ended 30 June 2025**  
**Far North West Joint Organisation**

I have audited the general purpose financial statements (GPFS) of the Far North West Joint Organisation (the Joint Organisation) for the year ended 30 June 2025 as required by section 415 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act).

I expressed an unmodified opinion on the Joint Organisation's GPFS.

My audit procedures did not identify any instances of material non-compliance with the financial reporting requirements in Chapter 13, Part 3, Division 2 of the Act and the associated regulation or a material deficiency in the Joint Organisation's accounting records or financial statements. The Joint Organisation's:

- accounting records were maintained in a manner and form to allow the GPFS to be prepared and effectively audited
- staff provided all accounting records and information relevant to the audit.

This Report should be read in conjunction with my audit opinion on the GPFS issued under section 417(2) of the Act.

## **PERFORMANCE**

### **Net result**

The Joint Organisation's net result for the year ended 30 June 2025 was (\$297,214).

The Joint Organisation's income for the year ended 30 June 2025 of \$2,321,985 consisted mainly of operating grants of \$2,142,492 and income from member council contributions of \$60,000. Operating grants consisted primarily of air services subsidy payments of \$1,308,832.



The Joint Organisation's total expenses for the year ended 30 June 2025 of \$2,619,199 consisted mainly of employee benefits and on-costs of \$261,016 and contractor, air services and administration expenses of \$2,358,183.

### **Financial position**

At 30 June 2025, the Joint Organisation's:

- total assets of \$3,930,661 consisted mainly of cash and cash equivalents of \$1,542,924 and investments of \$2,000,000.
- total liabilities of \$2,228,751 consisted mainly of contract liabilities of \$2,095,622.

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Karen Taylor  
Director, Financial Audit

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales