

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NORTHERN RIVERS WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Cr Danielle Mulholland, Chair of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (NRJO) announced today that Ms Isabel Perdriau will commence in the position of Executive Officer.

“Ms Perdriau has very good knowledge of the region and has worked in the local government sector prior to accepting this position.”

“This is a challenging role and the Committee believes that Ms Perdriau has the skills and experience to lead the organisation into its next phase,” Cr Mulholland said.

Ms Perdriau said, “the Joint Organisation plays an important role in guiding the strategic direction of the region. My role will be to ensure that the strategies of the Organisation are well understood by the region and are implemented successfully.”

“The members have decided on their Strategic Priorities and my first key action will be to launch the priorities to the region very soon,” Ms Perdriau said.

Cr Mulholland also acknowledged the outgoing interim Executive Officer, Regional Development Australia-Northern Rivers Director, Tim Williamson.

“We thank Mr Williamson for establishing NRJO and co-ordinating the development of the Strategic Priorities. Our Committee looks forward to continuing its close working relationship with RDA on important regional development issues,” said Cr Mulholland.



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#### **Background Notes - Northern Rivers Joint Organisation**

The NRJO is a Local Government entity, proclaimed in May 2018 under the Local Government Act 1993. Its membership comprises the six councils of Ballina, Byron, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed.



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The purpose of the NRJO is to strengthen collaboration between local councils and the State Government on regional initiatives as well as to plan, prioritise and facilitate important projects. As the leading Local Government advocate for the region, a key role is to enhance rural and regional community outcomes via additional Government financial assistance, legislative/policy changes and a greater share of necessary resources.