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Dear XXX

**Letter of Support – Country University Centres Southern Riverina**

I am writing to register the commitment of Business Name’s support for the development and delivery of Country Universities Centres (CUC) in the Southern Riverina area. We understand at this time the intent is for CUCs to be established in towns Hay, Deniliquin, Finley and Moama.

The delivery of CUCs to these areas will provide excellent coverage of the Southern Riverina area and ensure university education is equitably offered, and available to our communities. Statistics suggest university engagement from the Southern Riverina area is significant below the National average. Distance and cost are suspected to be the primary drivers of low university engagement in these areas.

The CUC Southern Riverina project aligns with Business Name’s goals, outcomes and growth strategy. Further we feel the establishment of a CUC in our particular area will ensure Business Name is able to provide retention incentives to our employees and new recruits.

The Southern Riverina area is experiencing unprecedented growth and that growth is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. The establishment of CUCs in our region will only assist in furthering the educational opportunities of our communities, solidifying their attraction and provide equitable access to education rarely seen in rural and remote areas.

Business Name is aware of the success and sustainability of the CUC model and recognises an education facility of this nature and the benefits it will bring to our communities. Business Name welcomes this initiative and fully support the establishment of CUC facilities not only in Deniliquin, but throughout the Southern Riverina area.

Should you require further information please contact [contact details].

Yours sincerely

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Please email this letter to: council@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au with attention Phil Stone, Chief Executive Officer.