

Harden Shire Council

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Dear Ms Mash

Harden Shire Council wishes like to express its strong support for the efforts being undertaken by Oberon Council to obtain a sustainable and a whole of initiative for the community future of the Jenolan Caves. In my Council's considered opinion, the Jenolan Caves are an iconic Australian natural attraction and as such should be maintained in public ownership now and into the future. My Council joins with Oberon Council in seeking a planned strategic outcome for the whole Jenolan Caves precinct that would see it's environmental, cultural and heritage values enhanced, protected and accessible to both the general public of Australia and visitors to our country.

My Council is now aware that the Jenolan Caves currently suffers from short term limited resourcing and a lack of security and future direction. Together, the Councils of the NSW Central West wish to see an outcome for the Jenolan Caves precinct that allows for its planned growth as a world class tourism attraction. To that end, both tiers of government, State and Federal, should recognise the essential role they have to plan for the rejuvenation of this world class natural attraction.

In closing, my Council wholeheartedly supports Oberon Council in its efforts to achieve a desirable outcome for Jenolan Caves that will be of benefit to us all now and into the future.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Manchester'.

Chris Manchester
MAYOR