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Ms Leanne Mash
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Dear Ms Mash

Bathurst Regional Council would like to express its support for the efforts being undertaken by Oberon Council to obtain a bright and secure future for the Jenolan Caves. The Jenolan Caves are seen as an icon Australian natural attraction and as such should be maintained in public ownership now and into the future. Bathurst Regional Council joins with Oberon Council in seeking a planned strategic outcome for the whole Jenolan Caves precinct that would see its environmental, cultural and heritage values enhanced, protected and accessible to both the public of Australia and visitors to our country.

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

In closing Bathurst Regional Council would encourage 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 sincerely

Greg Westman
MAYOR OF BATHURST