

Disaster Resilience

Reform to Commonwealth disaster funding has the potential to significantly improve preparedness and resilience of the Hunter as it faces increasingly severe natural hazards.

Funding Reform

Our Hazard Risk



Four Hunter LGAs in the **Top 20 most at-risk** for NSW (2060)



97% of disaster investment is spent on response / recovery, rather than risk reduction



Short-term funding embeds vulnerability instead of building long term resilience

Source: NSW State Disaster Mitigation Plan, NSW Reconstruction Authority 2024

Our Asks

- Commit to a more sustainable and strategic approach to local and regional recovery and resilience planning and funding aligned with councils' four-year statutory planning timeframes.
- Provide proactive funding for resilience and preparedness initiatives rather than reactive funding post disaster events.
- Provide funding that permits 'building back better' to ensure future infrastructure resilience.
- Consolidate funding programs to streamline and sustain delivery of disaster focused programs and reduce administrative burden.
- Reduce the evidence and administrative requirements for road repair funding.
- Provide resources for adaptation of communities exposed to a higher risk of disasters due to legacy planning decisions.



Representing the communities of the Hunter Region

The Hunter Joint Organisation is the statutory collaborative body that brings together the **ten Councils in the Hunter Region, NSW** to provide a united and local voice for our communities

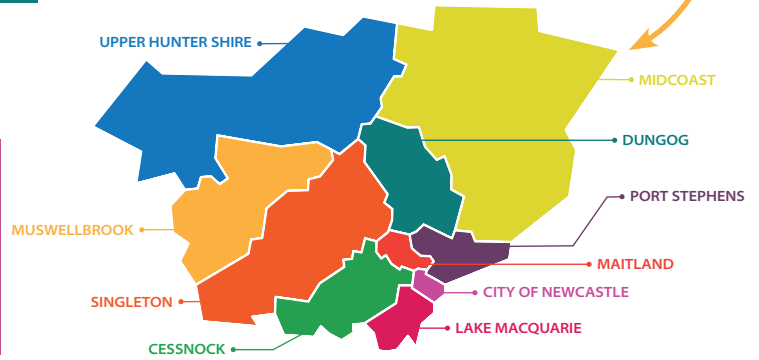


Has a rapidly growing population forecast to reach **1 million people by 2040**



Current Hunter Population **800,000**

Gross Regional Product **\$86.2b**



Our Statutory Mandate	Strategic Planning and Priority Setting
	Regional Leadership and Advocacy
	Intergovernmental Collaboration

Our Member Council Mayors

Cr Sue Moore
Mayor Singleton Council
Chair Hunter JO

Cr Leah Anderson
Mayor Port Stephens Council
Deputy Chair Hunter JO

Cr Daniel Watton
Mayor Cessnock City Council

Cr Digby Rayward
Mayor Dungog Shire Council

Cr Adam Shultz
Mayor Lake Macquarie City Council

Cr Philip Penfold
Mayor Maitland City Council

Cr Claire Pontin
Mayor MidCoast Council

Cr Jeffrey Drayton
Mayor Muswellbrook Shire Council

Cr Ross Kerridge
Lord Mayor City of Newcastle

Cr Maurice Collison
Mayor Upper Hunter Shire Council