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Dear Clr Doolan

Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Four

I am pleased to confirm the NSW Government's commitment to a new \$100 million Round Four of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) as part of the recharged \$2 billion Regional Growth Fund.

The Fund was introduced by the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government in 2017. To date, the Fund has invested \$400 million into over 1,500 projects across every corner of regional NSW. These projects have boosted the liveability of the towns we call home.

Round Four will provide an additional \$100 million for community projects in regional NSW, including up to \$50 million for projects that increase female participation in sport and enhance female sporting facilities. This brings the total funding for the SCCF to \$500 million.

The funding available for projects in the Warrumbungle Shire Local Government Area (LGA) is \$812,771.

Round Four is open to regional councils and Joint Organisations, eligible community organisations and Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

Funding will be allocated to projects that meet the program assessment criteria which includes Community Support, Viability and Alignment to the Program Objectives. It is strongly encouraged that applications totalling up to fifty percent of the Round Four funding allocation for each LGA are for projects that increase female participation in sport and enhance female sporting facilities. Council is encouraged to partner with community groups as the lead applicant where the project involves council owned infrastructure.

I encourage Council to start consulting with the community and preparing applications for Round Four as early as possible.

Round Four of the SCCF opened on 1 May 2021

Round Four of the SCCF opened to all eligible applicants on 1 May 2021 will close at 12pm on 25 June 2021.

How to apply

Visit <https://regionaldevelopment.smartygrants.com.au/SCCF4> to submit an application to the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round Four.

Assistance to prepare applications

The Program Guidelines and other resources are available on the SCCF website at nsw.gov.au/sccf. A webinar will be held during the application open period to assist in application development.

Council is encouraged to work with the Department of Regional NSW to put forward eligible projects and/or programs that align with the program's objectives to boost the liveability of communities in regional NSW and remove barriers to female participation in sport.

Your local Business Development Manager is Angela Shepherd who can be contacted on angela.shepherd@regional.nsw.gov.au or 0429 833 131 to provide information on the program to assist you to develop applications.

Thank you for your support of SCCF for Rounds One, Two and Three. I look forward to seeing your community's Round Four project applications.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Barilaro', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

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CC: The Hon. Bronnie Taylor MLC, Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women

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