



DUBBO IDEALLY LOCATED FOR COLES AUTOMATED DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

Dubbo Regional Council has taken a proactive approach to attracting new businesses to Dubbo, encouraging Coles to consider the city as a location for a new automated distribution centre.

In 2018 Coles announced it would close some its existing centres within the next five years, including one at Goulburn, while indicating it would open new state-of-the-art facilities.

Mayor of the Dubbo Region Ben Shields said Dubbo would be a perfect location for one of the facilities, being located on three major highways, with convenient road, rail and air access to all capitals and major cities in Eastern Australia.

“You couldn’t find a better place to build a new centre. We are very central, with good road and air links to Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Newcastle and Canberra, as well as rail to Sydney and Newcastle as well as the upcoming Inland Rail,” Councillor Shields said.

“We also have plenty of industrial land available around the city that would be suitable for such a large-scale facility.

“I have no doubt that Coles would be able to find a parcel of land at a reasonable price that would suit their needs.”

Councillor Shields said Council would be very happy to work together with the supermarket giant to bring the project to Dubbo.

“Staff from the Economic Development team have put together a very convincing information package that should be attractive to Coles. I would hope they strongly consider it,” Councillor Shields said.

“It would be a mutually beneficial arrangement because it would have the potential to bring hundreds of new jobs to Dubbo and boost the economy, but would also make Coles’ distribution across the entire Eastern seaboard straightforward thanks to Dubbo’s central location.”

Councillor Shields said it was important that Dubbo present itself as a viable option for any major developments that became available.

“It is no longer necessary for developments to happen in Sydney. In fact with improvements to communication and transport, there are serious benefits for businesses to set up in regional locations,” Councillor Shields said.

“Dubbo has cheaper land prices, some very attractive industrial areas and offers a great quality of life for potential employees. That is why I consider it vital for Dubbo to be in there competing for every offer that comes along

“Following my new “Open for Business policy”, Council will continue to look for opportunities and push for Dubbo to try and attract new businesses and industries to the region.”

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