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# Mark McGowan and WA Labor **Plan for Murray-Wellington, Mandurah & Dawesville**

It's my pleasure to present to you the Plan for Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville - a re-elected McGowan Labor Government's plan to keep these areas strong.

Firstly though, I'd like to thank the people of Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville. The past year has been extremely challenging, but thanks to the efforts and understanding of all Western Australians, we have managed to keep our State safe from COVID-19.

By staying safe we have been able to open our economy faster than anywhere in the world, protecting thousands of jobs.

From day one, WA jobs have been my number one priority and my WA Labor Government has made a significant investment in the regions, to create local jobs, support the local economy and improve services like health and education.

If you look around Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville, you'll see a number of major projects underway, as part of our \$28.8 billion pipeline of work.

Projects like the \$152 million Peel Health Campus redevelopment, the \$82 million Lakelands METRONET station, the \$49.3 million Transform Peel initiative, the \$32.1 million Mandurah train station multi-storey carpark and the \$10.4 million Pinjarra Senior High School upgrades.

As part of my WA Jobs Plan, we will make sure the local jobs created as part of these projects go to Western Australians first.

We also made TAFE a priority so everyone can get the skills they need. As part of the highly successful Lower Fees, Local Skills initiative, TAFE fees have been slashed by up to 72 per cent, making quality training more affordable than ever, so every Western Australian has a pathway to a good job.

The Plan for Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville continues our record investment in regional WA.

As you read through the plan, you'll see our focus on creating jobs and training opportunities, and improving local services for Western Australians.

Creating jobs and training opportunities for Western Australians will always be my number one priority, because no one should have to travel over east to find a good job.

Our Plan for Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville will ensure our major investment into these areas will continue with further upgrades to local schools, TAFE upgrades, new tourism infrastructure and initiatives, improved health services, a significant investment in local roads, and much more.

Our Plan for Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville will ensure that we continue to recover, stronger than ever.



**Mark McGowan**  
Premier of Western Australia

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# Executive Summary

## Pipeline of Work in Murray-Wellington, Mandurah & Dawesville

**A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **use the contracting and purchasing power of government to deliver more local jobs through a pipeline of work in Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville.**

- ▶ Peel Health Campus redevelopment (\$152 million)
- ▶ Lakelands METRONET station (\$82 million)
- ▶ Australind Railcar Replacement (\$54.7 million)
- ▶ Transform Peel initiative (\$49.3 million)
- ▶ Bushfire Centre of Excellence, Nambeelup (\$33.16 million)
- ▶ Mandurah train station multi-storey carpark (\$32.1 million)
- ▶ Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation - Stage 1 (\$27.5 million)
- ▶ Madora Bay Primary School - new school (\$25.77 million)
- ▶ Australind Senior High School - upgrades (\$15 million)
- ▶ South Metropolitan TAFE - Mandurah Hospitality and Tourism Training Centre and Hair and Beauty (\$14.67 million)
- ▶ Pinjarra Senior High School - Performing Arts Centre and Sports Hall (\$10.4 million)
- ▶ Peel Food Technology Facility (\$10 million)
- ▶ Dwellingup Adventure Trails Project (\$7.65 million)
- ▶ Kemerton Strategic Industrial Area works (\$7.5 million)
- ▶ Road and rail crossing upgrades - Cookernup, Coolup & Waroona (\$7 million)
- ▶ Leschenault Leisure Centre in Australind (\$3 million)
- ▶ Dawesville Community Centre (\$3 million)
- ▶ Kingston Primary School - new classroom block (\$2.5 million)
- ▶ Munday Avenue extension, Pinjarra (\$2.5 million)
- ▶ Peel Regional Trails (\$2 million)
- ▶ Mandurah Police Station - upgrades (\$2 million)
- ▶ Peel Therapeutic Women's Refuge - expansion (\$2 million)
- ▶ Pinjarra Senior High School - STEM classroom (\$1.5 million)
- ▶ Coodanup College - STEM classroom (\$1.5 million)
- ▶ Halls Head College - STEM classroom (\$1.5 million)
- ▶ Harvey Senior High School - upgrades (\$1.2 million)
- ▶ Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail - upgrades (\$1.19 million)
- ▶ John Tonkin College - STEM classrooms (\$1 million)
- ▶ Ravenswood Community Centre (\$750,000)
- ▶ Harvey Senior Citizens Centre - upgrades (\$610,000)
- ▶ Harvey Senior High School - STEM classroom (\$500,000)

## Job Creation in the Regions

### Growing our Tourism Sector

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- invest \$2.7 million to complete the final 18 kilometres of mountain bike trails within the Dwellingup area. This final stretch of trail will qualify Dwellingup for international Trail Town status, bringing worldwide recognition of our unique trail system that is already attracting riders from around the globe.
- invest a further \$2 million into Peel Regional Trails.
- invest \$105,000 towards the Harvey Trails and Adventure Precinct.

### Preference for WA Based Workers

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- commit to reduce the reliance on interstate FIFO and provide more opportunities for local workers in regional WA to have access to the training required for jobs in the resources sector.

### Incentivising Land Activation

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- invest in the development of project ready land and the establishment of projects on Industrial Land Authority (ILA) estates across WA.

### Investing in Industry

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- continue to deliver the \$49.3 million Transform Peel initiative including the Peel Business Park in Nambeelup.

### Growing our Agricultural Sector

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- invest \$10 million for the Peel Food Technology Facility project.
- continue to invest in WA's primary industries with details of further initiatives to be announced shortly.

### Growing our Fishing Industry

As part of the implementation of the Aquaculture Development Plan, a re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- create further aquaculture zones that will attract investment opportunities to expand this important industry.

### Caring for our Land and Creating Economic Opportunities

- implement the Peel Harvey Protection Plan, to enable expanded nutrient reduction actions and river protection works (fencing, revegetation) through the Peel Harvey Catchment Council, and also enable participation in planning and mapping of cultural sites with the Bindjareb Noongar people.
- continue to provide opportunities for carbon farming and carbon sequestration to increase agricultural productivity and create jobs in regional communities.

## **Creative and Cultural Industries in Regional WA**

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- invest a further \$16 million in the WA Screen Fund (previously the Regional Film Fund) which encourages production in the State's regions.
- allocate a further \$4 million to the Regional Exhibition Touring Boost that connects regional galleries with the State's art collection.
- allocate a further \$5 million to the Regional Arts and Cultural Investment Program which includes Made In WA Grants, Aboriginal Arts Commissioning Fund and the Regional and Remote Festivals Fund.

## **Aboriginal Ranger Program**

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- continue to expand the Aboriginal Ranger Program with details of further initiatives to be announced shortly.

## **Support for Employment in the Regions**

### **More affordable public transport costs**

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- reduce the cost of public transport by capping fares for all METRONET train and bus journeys at the cost of a 2 zone ticket.

## **Access to Childcare in the Regions**

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- work with local government and businesses to address the lack of childcare options in the regions. Further details of the policy will be announced shortly.

## **Housing Options in the Regions**

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- address the barriers to accessing affordable housing in regional WA, by continuing to make residential land more affordable, and increasing the availability of GROH and social housing.

## **Investing in our TAFEs and VET to Skill Local Workers**

### **Modern TAFE Equipment for a World Class TAFE**

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- invest in equipment upgrades across the State's TAFEs giving students access to more industry standard and state of the art equipment, including x-ray technology for agriculture, 3D printers, drones and more.

### **VET in Schools**

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- support students to access School Based Apprenticeships and trade pathways.

- prioritise STEM courses that have been evaluated by industry as suitable for school students.
- ensure local flexibility for schools to negotiate the most suitable courses and delivery arrangements with their local TAFE colleges and local industries.
- introduce a suite of wraparound measures with details to be announced soon.

## Delivering a Quality Education

### STEM at School

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- invest \$1.5 million to Pinjarra Senior High School, \$1.5 million to Halls Head College and \$1.5 million to Coodanup College to deliver new STEM classrooms.
- invest \$1 million to John Tonkin College (both campuses) and \$500,000 to Harvey Senior High School to redevelop classrooms into STEM classrooms.
- deliver even more access to a great Science education for every primary school student across the region, including a new Science lab for primary school students at Waroona District High School.

## Quality Healthcare Closer to Home

### Investing in Regional Health Infrastructure and Services

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- invest \$152 million redevelopment and expansion of the Peel Health Campus.
- deliver Stage 2 of the \$200.1 million Bunbury Hospital redevelopment to ensure South West residents have access to a contemporary facility.
- develop a new Peel Women's Health Program, to connect women with health and support services and information at both the crisis point and early intervention point.

### Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS)

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- continue to invest in the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) for regional patients who need to travel to a major centre to seek treatment.
- increase the accommodation subsidy to \$100 per night.
- increase escort eligibility for people from vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including women travelling to give birth.

### Paid Paramedics for the Regions

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- expand the Community Paramedic Model across the State to ensure that there are more professional, paid paramedics, increasing the reliability of country ambulance services and improving the parity of country sub-centres with the metro area.

## Mental Health and Digital Health

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- ensure regional communities continue to have access to innovative digital health services, providing a more equitable health system, and supporting regional and remote clinicians to care for the physical and mental health of people living in the regions.

## Making our Roads Safer

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- invest a further \$52 million investment into our now \$507 million Regional Road Safety Program to invest in repairing, rebuilding and road safety treatments on tens of thousands of kilometres of country roads.
- invest an additional \$14.8 million towards our now \$251.8 million Regional Road Upgrades Program, upgrading intersections, adding new lanes, widening roads, upgrading signage and improving visibility.
- invest \$2.5 million to construct the Munday Avenue extension, providing a link between Greenlands Road and Munday Avenue in Pinjarra.
- deliver the first stage of left acceleration lanes along Forrest Highway to facilitate safer access to the communities of Binningup, Harvey, Preston Beach and Myalup.
- widen and seal shoulders, install animal warning signs, delineation and pavement markings on Corio Road in Ravenswood.

- install a roundabout at Bortolo Drive and Lowden Road in Mandurah.
- invest \$5 million to increase the number of Truck Rest Stops on our major roads. These rest stops will have a range of amenities making it easy for freight drivers and tourists to fight driver fatigue and take regular rest breaks.

## Keeping WA Safe

### Police in our Community

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- continue our unprecedented investment in additional police officers, new digital technologies and equipment, and infrastructure to help keep our communities safe.

### Investing in our Fire & Emergency Services

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- invest \$4 million in personal protective equipment for professional and volunteer firefighters.

### Meth Action Plan

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- continue our commitment to increase access to treatment and address the supply of meth in regional WA.
- open a dedicated alcohol and other drug rehabilitation unit for men in custody at Bunbury Regional Prison, providing an intensive therapeutic pathway to recovery.



## **Supporting Vulnerable Communities**

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- continue to improve outcomes for vulnerable community members by connecting them with the services and supports they need.
- invest \$110,000 for a 12 month trial of the Caring Dads Program in the Peel region.

## **Sport and Community Infrastructure**

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- invest \$750,000 to build a new multi-use Community Centre in Ravenswood, including a clubroom, kitchen, storerooms, meeting room and change rooms with showers and toilets.
- invest \$3 million to expand the Leschenault Leisure Centre in Australind to include two additional courts, associated spectator seating, storage, administration and an upgrade to amenities.
- invest \$3 million towards a multi-purpose community centre in Dawesville to create a hub for community activity.
- invest \$610,000 to the Harvey Senior Citizens Centre to build a brand new social area, additional office space and accessible toilets.



## Job Creation in the Regions

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to creating jobs across regional WA and diversifying local regional economies. We will continue to invest in job-creating projects across regional WA and ensure local businesses benefit from this work.

### Pipeline of Work to Deliver Jobs in the Regions

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- use the contracting and purchasing power of government to deliver more local jobs through a pipeline of work in Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville.

As part of the COVID WA Recovery Plan the McGowan Labor Government has created a pipeline of work to deliver infrastructure and economic stimulus projects in a sustainable way, creating opportunities for WA businesses to maximise local jobs.

For further information visit [www.wa.gov.au/pipeline](http://www.wa.gov.au/pipeline)

## WA Buy Local Policy

Together with the revised 'WA Buy Local Policy 2020', a re-elected McGowan Labor Government will continue to ensure State Government agencies prioritise local businesses that are based in the regional location in which the work or service is being delivered.

The McGowan Labor Government revamped the WA Buy Local Policy 2020 and implemented changes including:

- higher regional price preferences for regional businesses of up to \$250,000 or \$500,000 depending on the nature of the contract.
- training for regional contractors on the policy and how to apply for contracts.
- 'look-ahead' lists of forthcoming tenders giving more time to bid.
- increased contract thresholds for regional offices of State Government agencies, to allow greater local decision-making about contracting of works, goods and services.

The new WA Buy Local Policy 2020 is expected to create a further 3,000 regional jobs and more than 200 apprenticeships and traineeships during the first 12 months of its operation, critical for a State-wide recovery from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

## Growing Our Tourism Sector

On coming into government the McGowan Labor Government delivered on its 2017 election commitment and injected more than \$425 million into the tourism industry, providing funding certainty and security.

There has also been a significant investment in tourism infrastructure including as part of the WA Recovery Plan. This support is ongoing.

### A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- **invest \$2.7 million to complete the final 18 kilometres of mountain bike trails within the Dwellingup area. This final stretch of trail will qualify Dwellingup for international Trail Town status, bringing worldwide recognition of our unique trail system that is already attracting riders from around the globe.**
- **invest a further \$2 million into Peel Regional Trails.**
- **invest \$105,000 towards the Harvey Trails and Adventure Precinct.**

The McGowan Labor Government will also deliver the projects announced as part of the WA Recovery Plan and over the past four years, including:

- \$4.95 million to help implement the Dwellingup Adventure Trails project.
- \$1.19 million for upgrades on the Bibbulmun Track and Munda Bididi Trail including renewing camp sites, bridges and sections of the track in the Peel region.
- \$750,000 to replace the ageing timber boardwalk in Lake Goegrup Nature Reserve in the Mandurah region.

## **Supporting the tourism sector through the COVID-19 pandemic**

The McGowan Labor Government recognised the significant impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on the tourism and hospitality sectors.

To support these industries a number of specific initiatives were implemented including:

- the highly successful ‘Wander out Yonder’ campaign to encourage West Australians to holiday in regional WA.
- ‘A million reasons to Wander out Yonder’ campaign to give Western Australians who spend at least \$100 on a tour or experience, a \$100 discount.
- \$14.4 million to the WA Tourism Recovery program, providing grants of \$6,500 to \$100,000 to help tourism operators sustain and grow their businesses.
- \$1 million in funding for 77 regional events to secure their success in an uncertain environment.

## **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Network**

The McGowan Labor Government is creating Australia’s longest electric vehicle charging infrastructure network, including connections in the Peel and South West.

This new technology will be a boost for tourists wanting to take a road trip across WA. Motorists will be able to access fast charging stations along major travel routes.

## **Growing the Resources Sector**

The resources sector has been the backbone of the WA economy and an important employer throughout regional WA. The McGowan Labor Government has supported a strong and sustainable resources industry in the State, to drive jobs and economic activity across the regions.

Since 2017 the McGowan Labor Government has:

- invested \$45 million to continue the highly successful Exploration Incentive Scheme which supports regional exploration, new projects and new jobs.
- funded \$28 million for the development of Environment Online, a one stop shop for environmental approvals that will improve efficiency and information in approvals processes.
- along with \$7.7 million for a new Biodiversity Information Office, the assessment timeframes have been cut in half for exploration Programme of Work applications from 30 to 15 business days.
- provided additional resources to key agencies to ensure timely delivery of environmental approvals across government.
- amended the Environmental Protection Act to simplify and reduce unnecessary regulation, while maintaining strong environmental protection and standards, resulting in reduced costs to industry and government, encouraging business development and creating jobs, while protecting the environment.

- committed to establish a bilateral approvals agreement with the Commonwealth to enable Commonwealth environmental approvals to be made at the same time as WA approvals.
- invested \$7 million to expand the capacity of the Joe Lord Core Library in Kalgoorlie, which stores core samples that contain valuable geoscientific information for exploration companies and others seeking mineral discoveries.
- delivered a sensible policy on fracking, which banned fracking in over 98 per cent of WA including the South-West, Peel, Perth metro, Broome and Dampier Peninsula, and created a rigorous framework to protect communities and environment in the small areas where it is allowed.
- establishing the LNG Jobs Taskforce to establish WA as a global LNG hub servicing Australia and the broader Asia-Pacific region, creating investment opportunities and unlocking new jobs in the LNG industry.
- supporting development of the emerging potash industry, including by introducing a new rental rate for potash projects.
- supporting regional lithium projects with a new royalty arrangement that encourages downstream processing and manufacturing.
- investing in Austmine's WA Mining Equipment, Technology and Services (METS) Digital Mining Export Hub in Port Hedland, which will build export capacity, knowledge and opportunities between regional, remote and metropolitan, small and medium sized enterprises.
- partnering with industry, universities, TAFEs and high schools to deliver new qualifications in automation.

## **New industries and resource opportunities**

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to looking at new industries and opportunities in the resources sector including:

- delivering on the \$28 million Renewable Hydrogen Strategy to position WA as a major producer and exporter of renewable hydrogen, which will bring new green projects and jobs to regional WA.
- investing \$7.6 million towards the development of an LNG and Hydrogen bunkering hub in the Pilbara, which will encourage green shipping by major exporters.
- delivering on the Future Battery Industry Strategy to grow the State into a world-leading exporter of future battery minerals, materials, technologies and expertise, including \$6 million invested into the Future Battery Industry Cooperative Research Centre.

## Preference for WA Based Workers

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will continue to work with industry to ensure they preference local workers.

### A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- **commit to reduce the reliance on interstate FIFO and provide more opportunities for local workers in regional WA to have access to the training required for jobs in the resources sector.**

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic the government worked with the resources sector to relocate interstate workers to WA.

The priority now is to ensure that local workers in regional WA have access to the training required for jobs in the resources sector.

The McGowan Labor Government has:

- made a record investment in our regional TAFEs to deliver the training required for the jobs in each region.
- created a dedicated webpage for easy reference to the courses that link to work in the resources sector at **[www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au/resources](http://www.jobsandskills.wa.gov.au/resources)**
- established Jobs and Skills Centres in TAFEs across WA to provide the link between the jobs in the local area and education choices.
- introduced additional TAFE courses matched to skill needs that have been identified by the resources sector.

## Incentivising Land Activation

Western Australia has an abundance of land and the McGowan Labor Government is committed to using this land to attract industry and create regional jobs.

Western Australia needs to be competitive to attract the industries that will provide long term jobs, and making land for industry more affordable to create jobs makes sense.

### A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- **invest in the development of project ready land and the establishment of projects on Industrial Land Authority (ILA) estates across WA.**

This funding will support developers to construct services, road infrastructure and secure environmental approvals, lowering the barriers for industrial development and incentivising construction.

This builds on the \$166.3 million investment in the Regional Land Booster Initiative to incentivise land activation in regional areas including industrial lots in Pinjarra. The initiative involves repricing land, offering rebates and other incentives to temporarily lower the entry hurdles for new industrial and commercial land developments and support regional jobs and economic growth.

## Growing Small Business

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to supporting and growing small businesses in regional WA.

The Regional Economic Development (RED) grant program is backing local businesses, helping them to expand and diversify regional economies.

Over the past four years, the McGowan Labor Government has:

- invested over \$2.5 million in RED grants to Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville projects, to create local jobs and help grow industry.

Small businesses across regional WA were impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the measures the McGowan Labor Government implemented included:

- exemption for businesses from paying payroll tax under the JobKeeper Payment scheme until March 28, 2021.
- a one-off \$2,500 credit on electricity bills for small businesses.
- no utility disconnections or charging of interest on deferred electricity payments.
- waiving licence fees for businesses in industries such as hospitality, tourism, retail and building trades.
- waiving liquor licence renewal fees for 2020, with refunds provided to businesses that had already paid.
- increasing the payroll tax exemption threshold to \$1 million from 1 July 2020.
- providing a one-off grant of \$17,500 to businesses with a reconciled 2018-19 Australia-wide payroll of between \$1 million and \$4 million.

## Investing in Industry

The McGowan Labor Government has invested \$49.3 million into the Transform Peel initiative, including the Peel Business Park in Nambeelup, to drive economic growth and support jobs in the region.

Stage 1 has supported more than 300 jobs during construction and 160 long-term local jobs are expected to be created with the first businesses moving into the precinct.

The Transform Peel initiative aims to drive economic growth in the Peel Region to create more than 33,000 jobs across a diverse range of industries and inject up to \$1 billion a year into the WA economy by 2050.

## Growing our Agricultural Sector

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will continue to invest in Western Australia's primary industries to grow the State's food sector and create local jobs.

### A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- **invest \$10 million for the Peel Food Technology Facility project.**
- **continue to invest in WA's primary industries with details of further initiatives to be announced shortly.**

The \$10 million Peel Food Technology Facility project will assist primary producers and food and beverage businesses to develop, test and produce new and improved products using innovative advanced manufacturing technologies and processes.

This will allow businesses to confirm market demand and source buyers prior to investing in new large-

scale commercial production lines themselves.

Through the WA Recovery Plan the McGowan Government also invested more than \$47 million to build the capability of food and beverage businesses to grow, invest and export.

This investment will help diversify our manufacturing and processing capability to capture value-adding markets for WA's high-quality primary production products.

Initiatives in the WA Recovery Plan and over the past four years include:

- \$24 million to drive value-adding in WA, including the \$16.7 million four-year Food and Beverage Fund to create jobs and investment through grants to agrifood businesses to grow local processing.
- \$48 million grains research partnership signed with Grains Research and Development Corporation in 2019.
- \$22 million to manage the impacts of wild dogs on livestock farmers, with a further \$13.4 million locked in over the next four years.
- \$14 million for the Digital Farm Grants Program, driving better digital connectivity for agricultural and pastoral businesses and communities across regional Western Australia.
- \$8.1 million investment over four years to continue the successful eConnected Grainbelt program.
- \$6 million over four years to continue delivering the Food Industry Innovation program to support regional value-added food and beverage businesses and promote collaboration across the supply chain.
- \$2.8 million towards the Katanning

Sheep Research Facility to support world-class sheep research in WA.

- allowed carbon farming on the pastoral estate for the first time, and established the \$15 million Carbon Farming Strategy and Land Restoration Fund to provide new income streams for farmers.
- re-establishing the Soil and Land Conservation Council after a 16-year hiatus.
- boosting funding for Natural Resource Management projects to \$7.75 million per annum.

This follows the record investment of \$131.5 million by the McGowan Labor Government in the 2019-20 Budget to secure the future of the State's agricultural efforts.

Under the previous Liberal National Government, core funding for the then-Department of Agriculture and Food WA was cut significantly with a further 37 per cent decrease in expenditure built into the forward estimates.

This resulted in a significant loss of agricultural capability threatening to further erode the department's ability to deliver for the State's agriculture sector.

## **Growing our Fishing Industry**

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to growing our aquaculture industry and recently released the Aquaculture Development Plan. The plan provides the framework to expand Western Australia's blue economy, attract new investment and help create an estimated 6,000 direct and indirect jobs.



**As part of the implementation of the Aquaculture Development Plan, a re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **create further aquaculture zones that will attract investment opportunities to expand this important industry.**

Aquaculture development zones are identified land and water areas that provide 'investment ready' zones with strategic environmental approvals and management policies already in place.

WA's reputation for premium quality, sustainable aquaculture product will meet growing domestic and export demand while growing WA jobs.

This builds on the initiatives implemented over the past four years including:

- funding towards the installation of 'Flupsies', marine-based shellfish nursery modules, to grow commercial aquaculture on the South Coast, Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne and Mid-West.
- upgrading the Watermans Bay Fish Health Laboratory to provide improved fish health research and development and support services.
- upgrading the Hillarys Shellfish Research Facility to expand production of tropical and local species of rock oysters and scallops that will support industry growth.
- establishing the Albany Shellfish Hatchery in partnership with the Aquaculture Council of Western Australia, including recent funding through the WA Recovery plan for a greenhouse and nursery to increase production.
- declaration of the Albany (Oyster Harbour) and Mid West Aquaculture Development Zones.
- committed \$8.7 million to building the Geraldton Finfish Nursery.

- appointed an officer within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development for the WA Shellfish Quality Assurance Program.

## **Caring for our Land and Creating Economic Opportunities**

**A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **implement the Peel Harvey Protection Plan, to enable expanded nutrient reduction actions and river protection works (fencing, revegetation) through the Peel Harvey Catchment Council, and also enable participation in planning and mapping of cultural sites with the Bindjareb Noongar people.**
- **continue to provide opportunities for carbon farming and carbon sequestration to increase agricultural productivity and create jobs in regional communities.**

The McGowan Labor Government recently released the Western Australian Climate Policy, outlining actions to create a low carbon future and create jobs.

A key focus of the policy is increased carbon sequestration through policy levers that enhance economic opportunities, increase agricultural productivity and create jobs in regional communities.

Key features of the policy include:

- carbon farming on pastoral leases, allowing pastoralists to undertake projects to support the regeneration of native vegetation through managing cattle grazing, which sequesters carbon while improving pastoral productivity.

- establishing a Land Restoration and Carbon Farming program on freehold land to enhance and build resilience in agriculture landscapes.
- allowing carbon sequestration projects in National Parks and on the conservation estate to maximise environmental and economic benefits.
- investing in the Native Vegetation Rehabilitation Scheme for revegetation, habitat restoration and protection of existing vegetation to deliver at-scale environmental outcomes.
- supporting Main Roads to improve and increase roadside vegetation in the agricultural region to offset the impacts of roadworks.

Developing a carbon offset market will also allow businesses seeking to offset emissions to reinvest back into the local community. A number of companies in the resources sector are actively pursuing these opportunities.

The WA Climate Policy contains further details and a range of other initiatives which can be found at: [www.wa.gov.au/wa-climate-change-policy](http://www.wa.gov.au/wa-climate-change-policy)

## Case study

**Carbon farming on pastoral leases has already delivered contracts for an estimated nine million tonnes of carbon abatement and around \$130 million in revenue for pastoralists.**

**An additional 15 million tonnes of carbon abatement are expected to be sold directly to major greenhouse gas emitters who need to purchase carbon credits to offset their emissions.**

## Creative and Cultural Industries in Regional WA

The State's rich artistic culture enriches local communities, promotes tourism and creates jobs in regional WA. Securing funding and expanding some of our most successful regional arts programs will give certainty, provide opportunities for regional artists, as well tourism and economic development opportunities for the regions.

### A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- **invest a further \$16 million in the WA Screen Fund (previously the Regional Film Fund) which encourages production in the State's regions.**
- **allocate a further \$4 million to the Regional Exhibition Touring Boost that connects regional galleries with the State's art collection.**
- **allocate a further \$5 million to the Regional Arts and Cultural Investment Program which includes Made In WA Grants, Aboriginal Arts Commissioning Fund and the Regional and Remote Festivals Fund.**

## **Aboriginal Procurement Policy**

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government is committed to building on the successes of our Aboriginal Procurement Policy which saw more than 5.5 per cent of government contracts for goods, services, community services and works awarded to Aboriginal businesses in 2019-20 alone.

Of the contracts awarded, 143 contracts worth a total of more than \$69 million were awarded to Aboriginal businesses based in regional locations.

The benefits of contracting with Aboriginal businesses can extend beyond the successful delivery of contracts by also improving the economic prosperity of not only the Aboriginal people involved but also the broader Aboriginal community.

## **Aboriginal Ranger Program**

**A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **continue to expand the Aboriginal Ranger Program with details of further initiatives to be announced shortly.**

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government remains committed to continuing and expanding the successful Aboriginal Ranger Program and providing opportunities for more Aboriginal people to manage country and help build community leadership, wellbeing and resilience.

Under the program, existing and emerging Aboriginal organisations can employ and train rangers to carry out land and sea management and tourism activities across a range of tenures in remote and regional Western Australia.

# Support for Employment in the Regions

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to helping regional employers attract and retain individuals and families to move to and live in regional WA. Issues such as travel costs, access to childcare and education and housing are key factors when making the decision to move to regional WA.

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to addressing these potential barriers and support people living in and moving to our regions.

## More affordable public transport costs

**A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **reduce the cost of public transport by capping fares for all METRONET train and bus journeys at the cost of a 2 zone ticket.**

Under the plan, the maximum price a passenger will pay will be a 2 Zone ticket - for a standard trip that is \$4.90 in cash, \$4.40 if using the standard Smartrider and \$3.90 for the Smartrider autoreload.

If travelling on concession, this would be \$2.10 in cash and \$1.68 for the Smartrider auto-reload.

Regular passengers who travel into the CBD from Mandurah and Dawesville, could save thousands of dollars per year as a result of the \$60.6 million investment by a re-elected McGowan Labor Government.

For example, a Dawesville resident who commutes daily to the Perth CBD (a 9 zone journey) currently pays \$10.48 per trip, using a Smartrider, which is about \$5,300 annually - this will be slashed to \$3.92 per trip - a saving of more than \$3,000 per year.

This fare relief will begin in January 2022.

## Access to Childcare in the Regions

The lack of available childcare in the regions is emerging as a barrier to greater workforce participation with significant waiting lists, challenges attracting staff and a lack of suitable facilities.

**A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **work with local government and businesses to address the lack of childcare options in the regions. Further details of the policy will be announced shortly.**

## Housing Options in the Regions

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to ensuring that there are housing options available to help regional communities thrive. Access to affordable housing can be a barrier to staying or moving to a regional community.

The McGowan Labor Government has invested:

- \$166.3 million over the last four years in the Regional Land Booster Initiative to incentivise land activation in regional areas to temporarily lower the entry

hurdles including for new residential land developments, including in Mandurah and Ranford.

- \$80 million for targeted maintenance programs for regional social, remote and government workers housing (GROH) properties.
- \$141.7 million to refurbish social housing across WA's ageing housing stock.
- \$97 million to build new social housing across WA.

To date, all contracts to build and refurbish social housing under the Social Housing Economic Recovery Package (SHERP) have been awarded to local contractors.

## **Training and Education**

One of the reasons families leave regional WA is to ensure that their children have access to a quality education.

The McGowan Labor Government has made a record investment in TAFE to ensure that kids have access to the right training to link to the employment opportunities in their region.

We have also invested in infrastructure and programs in our schools to ensure that we deliver a high quality education in regional WA.



# Investing in our TAFEs and VET to Skill Local Workers

The McGowan Labor Government has made a record investment in TAFE to ensure that kids have access to the right training to link to the employment opportunities in their region. We are also committed to ensuring TAFE is more affordable so people can access the skills they need to get a good local job.

## Slashing Fees to Make TAFE Affordable

Under the highly successful Lower Fees, Local Skills initiative, the McGowan Labor Government slashed fees by up to 72 per cent for 180 TAFE courses across the State, to make training more affordable for Western Australians after the price hikes by the previous Liberal National government.

Discounted courses at South Metropolitan TAFE’s Mandurah campus and South Regional TAFE’s Harvey campus cover a wide range of industries including agriculture and horticulture, building and construction, early childhood, support services, and hospitality and tourism.

Examples of discounted courses at Mandurah and Harvey TAFE campuses include:

- Diploma of Early Childhood and Care

- Diploma of Nursing
- Cert IV in Ageing Support
- Cert III in Harvesting and Haulage
- Cert III in Mobile Plant Technology
- Cert III in Tourism

The McGowan Labor Government has:

- negotiated the joint JobTrainer agreement with the Commonwealth Government to ensure people under 25 or eligible people of all ages looking for work now pay no more than \$400 in annual course fees.
- invested \$25 million for free TAFE short courses to upskill thousands of West Australians, with a variety of free courses available including training for emerging jobs, small business and pre-employment and pathways for further training.
- froze TAFE fees in 2018 after the previous Liberal National government had implemented massive price hikes.

## Rebuilding TAFE Campuses to Deliver Quality Education

The McGowan Labor Government's record investment in TAFE over the last four years, including the \$229.2 million WA Recovery Plan TAFE Infrastructure and Training Package, will see a pipeline of skilled workers trained right here in WA to help with WA's economic recovery.

At South Metropolitan TAFEs Mandurah campus, the McGowan Labor Government has:

- invested \$9.17 million for a new Hospitality and Tourism Training Centre to deliver training for a range of courses including

commercial cookery, tourism and events management.

- invested \$5.5 million for hair and beauty training facilities.
- opened a Jobs and Skills Centre.

## Modern TAFE Equipment for a World Class TAFE

**A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **invest in equipment upgrades across the State's TAFEs giving students access to more industry standard and state of the art equipment, including x-ray technology for agriculture, 3D printers, drones and more.**

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to a modern, world class TAFE system with up to date equipment to train West Australians for the jobs of the future.

## VET in Schools

**A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **support students to access School Based Apprenticeships and trade pathways.**
- **prioritise STEM courses that have been evaluated by industry as suitable for school students.**
- **ensure local flexibility for schools to negotiate the most suitable courses and delivery arrangements with their local TAFE colleges and local industries.**

■ **introduce a suite of wraparound measures with details to be announced soon.**

School Based Apprenticeship (SBA) pathways have been available to students and employers for many years. Employers agree that apprentices who have undertaken pre-apprenticeship training are more aware of safety, better prepared for work, and are more confident.

An increase in SBAs and vocational training in schools allows our kids a smooth and direct path into local jobs, kick-starting their career in their chosen trade.

To encourage students into these pathways, a suite of wraparound measures will be implemented in schools across the State, allowing parents, teachers and students to develop genuine relationships with industry, creating meaningful encounters with work while students are still at school.

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to training our young people in alignment with the needs of industry to give them the best opportunity to get skilled employment. A pathway to TAFE, a traineeship or pre-apprenticeship while at school allows students to stay engaged, and gives them the opportunity to forge a path to a great, local job.





# Delivering a Quality Education

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to delivering a quality education and modern schools in the regions. We know that access to a good education for their kids is important to families, no matter where they live.

## Building the Schools of the Future

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to ensuring that Western Australian students have access to high-quality, modern facilities, and to create local jobs on government projects in Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville.

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will deliver projects including:

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Over the past four years, the McGowan Labor Government has:

- opened the \$18.3 million Oakwood Primary School in Mandurah.
- invested \$7 million to Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville schools for maintenance, upgrades and improvement works as part of our Schools Maintenance Blitz.

## STEM at School

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will continue to invest in our schools for the jobs of the future. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) will be the future drivers of innovation as we reshape and recover WA's economy. Science is one of the fundamental elements of the STEM disciplines and a focus on science will support the diversification of the economy. It is an investment in the jobs of the future.

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will ensure every student across the State has access to education in STEM and Science. This will mean a major State-wide investment in STEM and Science facilities and equipment.

### A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- **invest \$1.5 million to Pinjarra Senior High School, \$1.5 million to Halls Head College and \$1.5 million to Coodanup College to deliver new STEM classrooms.**
- **invest \$1 million to John Tonkin College (both campuses) and \$500,000 to Harvey Senior High School to redevelop classrooms into STEM classrooms.**

- **deliver even more access to a great Science education for every primary school student across the region, including a new Science classroom for primary school students at Waroona District High School.**

In the last four years, the McGowan Labor Government has rolled out innovative programs and facilities in schools, including:

- converting classrooms into Science labs in nine primary schools in Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville.
- funding a STEM professional learning and mentoring program for more than 1,000 public school teachers, including at 19 schools in Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville.

It is especially essential for STEM and Science to be normalised as part of every child's education. We believe that every child in WA, no matter the school they attend, deserves a comprehensive education in STEM with the best teachers and the best resources available.

## Putting More Staff into Classrooms

The McGowan Labor Government has invested in schools across WA, ensuring all students – regardless of where they live – receive a high quality education.

In order to put more support in the classroom, the McGowan Labor Government has:

- put additional Education Assistants (FTE) into 18 Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville schools.
- established a Regional Learning Specialists team to visit Year 11 and 12 students in the regions to provide specialist classes and

additional support.

- funded Independent Learning Coordinators to supervise and help senior students studying courses through the School of Isolated and Distance Education.
- funded additional teacher time to allow some Level 3 teachers time to mentor other teachers at 20 Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville schools.
- provided 14 Murray-Wellington, Mandurah and Dawesville schools with additional FTE teachers so a Level 3 classroom teacher can coordinate mental health programs for students.



# Quality Healthcare Closer to Home

The McGowan Labor Government is putting patients first in regional WA and ensuring regional patients have access to quality healthcare, closer to home.

## Investing in Regional Health Infrastructure and Services

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to ensuring high-quality healthcare for all Western Australians regardless of where they live and has invested over \$265 million in regional healthcare infrastructure over the last four years.

**A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **invest \$152 million redevelopment and expansion of the Peel Health Campus.**

- **deliver Stage 2 of the \$200.1 million Bunbury Hospital redevelopment to ensure South West residents have access to a contemporary facility.**
- **develop a new Peel Women's Health Program, to connect women with health and support services and information at both the crisis point and early intervention point.**

Women's health services offer a less direct or 'soft' entry point for those

experiencing mental illness, family, domestic and sexual violence or who have experienced sexual assault or childhood sexual abuse.

Women often feel more comfortable accessing these services in a community based setting, especially for sensitive health matters they may feel uncomfortable discussing with a male GP or their normal family GP.

This builds on our investment in health services in the region including the \$152 million major redevelopment and expansion of Peel Health Campus, with private services to be brought back into public hands.

The redevelopment will deliver:

- 63 additional inpatient beds (which will deliver 219 public beds).
- 12 chemotherapy places.
- 20 mental health inpatient beds.
- one additional operating theatre.
- at least 15 palliative care hospice beds.
- more outpatient services.
- new build of medical imaging services.
- the introduction of a 10-bed Mental Health Emergency Centre.

This is in addition to the \$10 million redevelopment already underway including works to the Emergency Department and extra parking.

The McGowan Labor Government has been implementing our commitments to high quality patient care across the State, with a significant investment in health and mental health infrastructure and better, more innovative services with improved access for all.

## Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS)

The McGowan Labor Government remains committed to putting patients first, and ensuring people can access medical treatment, no matter where they live.

### A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- **continue to invest in the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) for regional patients who need to travel to a major centre to seek treatment.**
- **increase the accommodation subsidy to \$100 per night.**
- **increase escort eligibility for people from vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including women travelling to give birth.**

## Paid Paramedics for the Regions

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to ensuring that regional WA has a reliable country ambulance service.

### A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- **expand the Community Paramedic Model across the State to ensure that there are more professional, paid paramedics, increasing the reliability of country ambulance services and improving the parity of country sub-centres with the metro area.**

This investment into country ambulance services will support our volunteers so they can continue to provide this vital service. The volunteer model is a strong one, it brings communities together.

Paid paramedics in the regions will assist with the recruitment of new volunteer ambulance officers, as well as training, mentoring and retention of St John's 3,000 volunteers in the regions and ensure every ambulance - regardless of location - can communicate reliably with all necessary parties at all times.

This announcement builds on the announcement in the 2020-21 State Budget to trial the introduction of professional ambulance services in the Kimberley, including three paid career paramedics at Derby, Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek and six new ambulances for the Kimberley.

## Digital Health

Investing in innovative digital health technology to enable a better, more equitable health system has allowed more Western Australians living in regional and remote areas to avoid a trip to Perth for treatment to access high-quality treatment.

Since 2017, the McGowan Labor Government has:

- launched the WA Country Health Service's Command Centre, using high-definition videoconferencing to enable specialist level care on country for more than 21,000 Western Australians living in regional WA.
- rolled out the Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service to support rural and remote clinicians to care for people of all ages experiencing a mental health crisis or drug and alcohol issues.
- pioneered the establishment of world-class telehealth services to improve access and reduce the burden of travel on country communities.
- expanded telehealth services to include services such as stroke, mental health, obstetrics, intensive care and paediatrics across regional WA.
- invested \$10 million to develop and implement a region-by-region approach to Aboriginal suicide prevention, prioritising Aboriginal-led and locally endorsed initiatives that accommodate a culturally informed social and emotional wellbeing approach to suicide prevention.
- funded \$9 million for a 24/7 mental health emergency telehealth service.
- partnered with the WA Country Football League, to promote mental health within country football clubs to deliver the 'Think Mental Health Round' and build club capacity and support for mental health.
- provided \$3.2 million for the Regional Men's Health Initiative, ensuring the successful men's wellbeing program can continue to operate in regional and rural communities.
- provided millions of dollars worth of grants and funding to local government, not-for-profit organisations and community groups to help build resilience and prevent suicide and support community mental health in local communities.

## Mental Health

The McGowan Labor Government will continue to play its part in supporting the mental health of every Western Australian. Offering appropriate community mental health services is vital to ensure people who need help get the best possible treatment.

Since 2017 the McGowan Labor Government has:



# Record Investment in Regional Roads

The safety of our regional roads is a key priority for the McGowan Labor Government. We want to make sure our families arrive home safely after every trip.

After delivering a record investment in regional roads, a re-elected McGowan Labor Government will oversee another significant investment of \$763.8 million.

This will mean a safer, more reliable drive, supporting country communities, freight drivers and tourists right across our State.

**A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- invest a further \$52 million into our now \$507 million Regional Road Safety Program to repair, rebuild and deliver road safety treatments on tens of thousands of kilometres of country roads.
- invest an additional \$14.8 million towards our now \$251.8 million Regional Road Upgrades Program, upgrading intersections, adding new lanes, widening roads, upgrading signage and improving visibility.
- invest \$2.5 million to construct the Munday Avenue extension, providing a link between Greenlands Road and Munday Avenue in Pinjarra.
- deliver the first stage of left acceleration lanes along Forrest Highway to facilitate safer access to the communities of Binningup, Harvey, Preston Beach and Myalup.

- **widen and seal shoulders, install animal warning signs, delineation and pavement markings on Corio Road in Ravenswood.**
- **install a roundabout at Bortolo Drive and Lowden Road in Mandurah.**
- **invest \$5 million to increase the number of Truck Rest Stops on our major regional roads. These rest stops will have a range of amenities making it easy for freight drivers and tourists to fight driver fatigue and take regular rest breaks.**

Since coming to Government, the McGowan Labor Government has invested:

- \$852 million for the Bunbury Outer Ring Road.

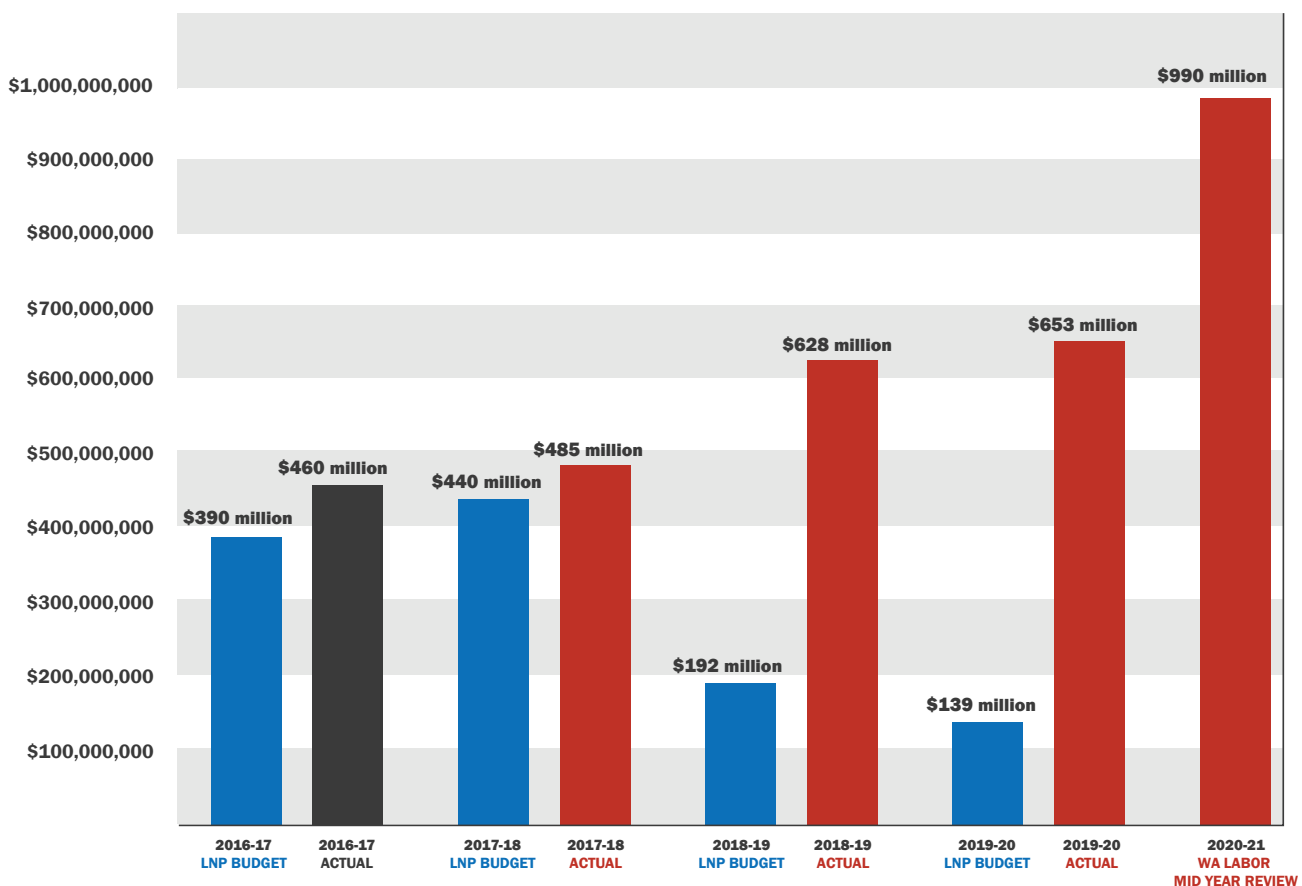
- \$8.7 million for improvement and safety works on Pinjarra Williams Road.
- \$27.5 million for the Pinjarra heavy haulage deviation - Stage 1.

This is in addition to the \$422.6 million spent out of the Road Trauma Trust Account over the last four years which will continue to be allocated to local communities, improving roads with high risk of run-off crashes in regional areas.

This \$763.8 million program of work is part of a McGowan Labor Government's strong investment into reducing road trauma across regional WA. It's all about making sure we improve safety across the entire network, including freight and local rural roads.

## REGIONAL ROAD INVESTMENT

### Barnett 2016 Budget vs McGowan Labor Government Delivery





These initiatives create a pipeline of work across the next five years, driving economic development in our regions and creating thousands of local jobs.

The McGowan Labor Government is also delivering rail projects including:

- \$82 million to build the new Lakelands METRONET station.
- \$32.1 million to build the new multi-storey car park at Mandurah train station.
- \$54.7 million for new railcar sets to service the Australind rail line.
- \$7 million to upgrade level crossings on the South West train line in Cookernup, Coolup and Waroona.



# Keeping WA Safe

**The McGowan Labor Government is taking a whole-of-government approach towards community safety in our regions.**

## **Police in our Community**

The McGowan Labor Government's unprecedented investment in community safety has funded:

- a total of 1,100 additional police since taking office, giving Western Australia the highest number of officers per person of all the States.
- a record investment in digital technologies, protective body vests and new police stations across the State.
- allocated additional police to support our road safety efforts on regional roads.

- invested \$2 million for upgrades at Mandurah Police Station through the WA Recovery Plan.

## **Investing in our Fire & Emergency Services**

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to supporting local volunteer firefighters to thrive and grow into the future.

**A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **invest \$4 million in personal protective equipment for professional and volunteer firefighters.**

The McGowan Labor Government has also invested:

- \$33.16 million for the Bushfire Centre of Excellence in Nambeelup to bring together the best research and training in bushfire management.
- \$22 million investment to boost the Enhanced Prescribed Burning program in the South West.
- \$13.4 million for the Koolinup multi-purpose emergency services facility being built in Collie that includes a Level Three Incident Control Centre, Emergency Driver Training School and regional fleet maintenance.
- \$80 million for the Rural Fire Division to enhance bushfire management across the State.
- \$15 million for the Bushfire Risk Management Plans program to help local governments identify and manage their bushfire risks.
- more than \$50 million towards the Bushfire Mitigation Activity Fund across WA.
- established a Ministerial Volunteer Advisory Forum.

## **Meth Action Plan**

The McGowan Labor Government's Methamphetamine Action Plan (MAP) outlines a comprehensive plan of actions that are aimed at reducing methamphetamine related demand, supply and harm, in recognition of the complexities associated with drug use.

### **A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **continue our commitment to increase access to treatment and address the supply of meth in regional WA.**

- **open a dedicated alcohol and other drug rehabilitation unit for men in custody at Bunbury Regional Prison, providing an intensive therapeutic pathway to recovery.**

As part of this commitment, we will expand the Community Alcohol and Other Drug Integrated Services into the Peel Region, addressing the need for community AOD treatment hours in the region, and expanding access to addiction medicine specialists and outpatient treatment services.

Since 2017 the McGowan Labor Government has allocated \$322.2 million to implement the MAP initiatives, including:

- delivered 19 new beds to treat drug and alcohol dependency at the Palmerston Association in Brunswick Junction.
- crisis support and early intervention treatment facilities.
- expanding specialist drug services into rural and regional areas of need.
- improving drug and alcohol programs in schools.
- delivery of the alcohol and drug treatment prisons at Casuarina Prison and Wandoo Rehabilitation Prison.
- the rollout of the Meth Border Force to disrupt the movement of meth.
- introducing the toughest penalties in Australia for meth traffickers.

This funding has produced real results across WA. Meth consumption is down by about 25 per cent since the peak in December 2016. Results of wastewater testing show meth consumption in Perth for August 2019 fell by 19 per cent compared to the previous testing period in April 2019. The report also reveals meth use in regional WA fell 10 per cent.

# Supporting Vulnerable Communities

The McGowan Labor Government is focused on improving outcomes for vulnerable community members by connecting them with the services and supports they need.

## Protecting People Experiencing Domestic Violence

**A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:**

- **invest \$110,000 for a 12 month trial of the Caring Dads Program in the Peel region.**

The 17 week program includes group interventions, systematic out-reach to mothers and coordinated case management.

The McGowan Labor Government has also invested:

- \$4.9 million towards the Peel Therapeutic Women's Refuge, including an additional six units being delivered.

The new refuge, Warlang Bidi - Supporting Women and Children, was opened in November 2020 and sets a new standard for refuges that enable women to live free from violence and have a place to call home.

The name Warlang Bidi means 'healthy path' in Noongar and has been supported by elders and the community. It reflects the refuge's aim to support women and children on their healing journeys.

As well as providing accommodation for women and children, Warlang Bidi will deliver co-ordinated and tailored services for women who may be experiencing mental health concerns or harm from alcohol and other drugs.

These services will be delivered in partnership with multi-disciplinary

providers including mental health professionals, domestic violence support workers, alcohol and drug counsellors, nurses and other organisations.

The project was originally six accommodation units for women and accompanying children, however the McGowan Labor Government invested an additional \$2 million to enable an additional six accommodation units to be built at the site, effectively doubling its capacity.

There has also been a significant investment in statewide programs including an additional \$6.7 million for family and domestic violence response teams to support victims following a police call out including additional staff in the Peel and South West regions.

Additional domestic violence outreach workers are also being deployed throughout the State, to assist women and their children escaping family and domestic violence as part of a \$8.6 million initiative in the WA Recovery Plan.

## Counselling and Support Services

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to providing counselling services to regional WA and has invested:

- \$1.1 million over two years for counselling, advocacy and support services.
- \$2.9 million to deliver financial counselling services across regional WA.



# Sport and Community Infrastructure

To help Western Australians stay active, healthy, and connected with their local community, the McGowan Labor Government has invested in building, upgrading and maintaining sporting and community facilities across the regions.

A re-elected McGowan Labor Government will:

- invest \$750,000 to build a new multi-use community centre in Ravenswood, including a clubroom, kitchen, storerooms, meeting room and change rooms with showers and toilets.
- invest \$3 million to expand the Leschenault Leisure Centre in Australind to include two additional courts, associated spectator seating, storage, administration and an upgrade to amenities.
- invest \$3 million towards a multi-purpose community centre in Dawesville to create a hub for community activity.
- invest \$610,000 to the Harvey Senior Citizens Centre to build a brand new social area, additional office space and accessible toilets.

This investment builds on the investment we have made over the past four years including:

- \$1.5 million to Brunswick River Cottages Aged Accommodation.
- \$1.75 million towards the new Yarloop Community Centre.

# Achievements and Works Underway

## Job Creation in the Regions

The McGowan Labor Government has invested:

- \$4.95 million to help implement the Dwellingup Adventure Trails project.
- \$1.19 million for upgrades on the Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail including renewing camp sites, bridges and sections of the track in the Peel region.
- \$750,000 to replace the ageing timber boardwalk in Lake Goegrup Nature Reserve in the Mandurah region.
- \$49.3 million into the Transform Peel initiative, including the Peel Business Park in Nambeelup, to drive economic growth and support jobs in the region.
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