

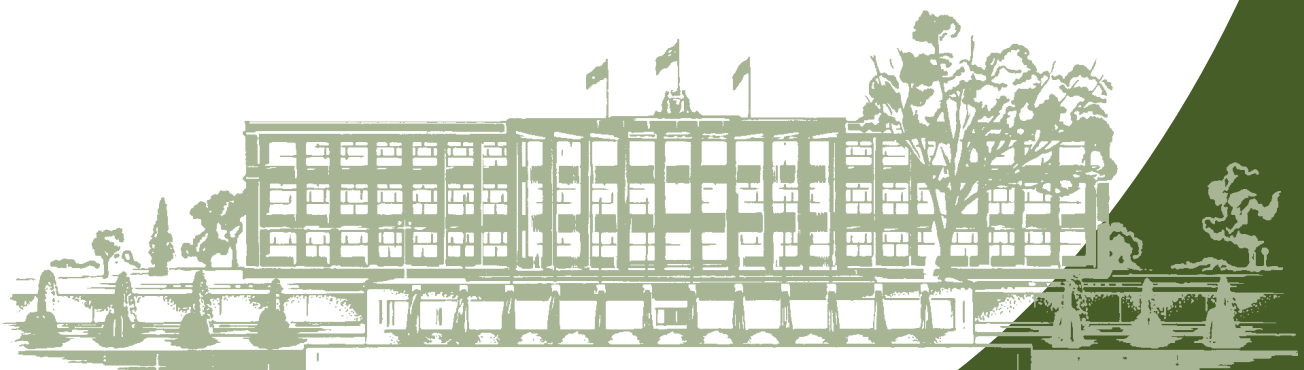


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2001-02 BUDGET



Growing Our State

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TREASURER'S OVERVIEW

The Government is committed to the development of Western Australia through the provision of key social and economic infrastructure.

The Government will spend \$3.3 billion on capital works in 2001–02. This includes expenditure of \$330 million in the key areas of Health, Education, Police and Justice and nearly \$800 million by the Government's two largest utilities, Western Power and Water Corporation. The portfolio of Planning and Infrastructure is budgeted to spend over \$1 billion in 2001–02, demonstrating the Government's commitment to road funding, rail infrastructure and land development.

Together with sharing in the infrastructure spending outlined above, regional Western Australia will benefit from a number of specific initiatives:

- the establishment of a \$75 million Regional Investment Fund that will enable regional communities to determine their own priorities for local infrastructure development;
- the investment of an additional \$20 million for the geological survey;
- the introduction of regional investment tours to bring regional businesses and potential investors together;
- an injection of \$2 million for marketing tourism in regional WA and a further \$2 million for regional tourist bureaux;

- strengthening of regional preference for Government purchasing; and
- an injection of \$5 million into the Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Fund.

Growing Our State has been prepared to showcase the capital work highlights throughout the State. This document presents these highlights by region in the non-metropolitan area, as defined by the regional development commission boundaries, and metropolitan areas as defined by the Legislative Council electoral boundaries. Only those projects currently in progress or commencing in 2001–02 are included.

This first budget is the cornerstone of the Government's four-year investment plan for the community. It lays the foundation upon which further investments in infrastructure can be made throughout the State and it recognises the community's priorities.

This Government will give regional Western Australia a fair go through strategies that attract new investment, encourage job creation, promote business growth and expand export opportunities. At the same time it will ensure that social services are provided to the whole community and that this is done in a responsible and sustainable manner.

Eric Ripper, MLA
TREASURER

GASCOYNE

ECONOMY

The Gascoyne region covers an area of over 136,000 square kilometres, which is approximately 5 per cent of the State's total area.

The region's population is centred in the key settlements of Carnarvon, Exmouth, Coral Bay, Denham and Gascoyne Junction.

The Gascoyne has a diverse economic base and generates its income from tourism, fishing, mining, horticulture and pastoralism. Tourism is now one of the largest earners in the region with over 222,000 domestic visitors and 58,000 international visitors to the region in 1999. The fishing industry is dominated by prawning and the region is renowned for its vegetable and fruit production that supplies local and export markets. Mining production was valued at \$70.8 million in 1999–00, of which salt production accounted for \$50.2 million. The Gascoyne accounts for 24 per cent of the State's salt production.

POPULATION CHANGE

The estimated population of the Gascoyne region in 2000 was 9,755, 0.7 per cent of the State's population.

The region's population is projected to grow from its current level to 15,100 by 2031. This growth will be driven by several proposed development projects including the Exmouth Boat Harbour, Resort and Residential Development.

LABOUR MARKET

In June 2000 there were 5,886 people employed in the Gascoyne region. Agriculture and fishing employed 19 per cent of the region's workforce in 1996.

The region's unemployment rate varied from 5.4 per cent to 11.4 per cent over the last ten years. The dominant economic sectors not only create employment directly but also contribute to the manufacturing and services sectors established to service their requirements.





2001–02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – GASCOYNE

	Agency	2001–02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001–02			
Dirk Hartog Island pastoral lease acquisition	Conservation	300,000	300,000
Gascoyne-Murchison strategy: 2001–02 program		2,500,000	2,500,000
Exmouth district high school refurbishment	Education	1,000,000	1,000,000
Shark Bay World Heritage Centre	Local Government and Regional Development	2,700,000	5,000,000
Waste water treatment plant upgrade and effluent disposal, Carnarvon	Water Corporation	500,000	4,970,000
Denham windfarm fly wheels	Western Power	300,000	300,000
Exmouth windfarm		250,000	250,000
CONTINUING WORKS			
Gascoyne-Murchison strategy: 2000–01 program	Conservation	2,066,000	4,137,000
Carnarvon storm surge barrier	Gascoyne Development Commission	1,005,000	1,051,000
Aboriginal heritage and cultural centre		1,727,000	4,230,000
Rural health theatres and sterilising facilities, compliance	Health	587,000	6,000,000
Carnarvon to Mullewa Road	Main Roads	500,000	20,798,000
Useless Loop Road		1,140,000	3,204,000
Yardie Creek Road		250,000	4,958,000
Gascoyne River, bridge reconstruction		7,900,000	10,949,000
Gascoyne River to Blowholes, bridge reconstruction		4,116,000	4,395,000
Coral Bay access road and boat launching facility	Planning and Infrastructure	2,403,000	2,609,000
Carnarvon land backed wharf		1,250,000	2,536,000
Exmouth resort/marina	WA Land Authority	3,500,000	11,500,000
Borefield asset replacement and other works in Carnarvon and Exmouth	Water Corporation	2,913,000	8,458,000

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G O L D F I E L D S - E S P E R A N C E

ECONOMY

The Goldfields-Esperance region is the largest region in the State, covering an area of over 771,000 square kilometres which is approximately 32 per cent of the State's total area.

The region includes the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Esperance, Laverton, Leonora, Menzies, Ngaanyatjarraku and Ravensthorpe.

The region's economy has been synonymous with the development of the State through gold mining and, in more recent history, nickel mining. The value of mining production was over \$3 billion in 1999–00, of which gold accounted for almost \$1.9 billion.

Goldfields-Esperance boasts a significant agricultural sector which operates in the southern part of the region; principal commodities include wheat, barley, wool and livestock. The region also has a fishing industry (abalone and scallops) as well as timber (sandalwood) and a manufacturing and service industry base that services these sectors.

POPULATION CHANGE

The estimated population of the Goldfields-Esperance region in 2000 was approximately 59,000, 3.1 per cent of the State's population.

The population increased at an average annual rate of 1.3 per cent from 1995–2000. The region's population is projected to reach 95,100 by 2031.

LABOUR MARKET

In June 2000 there were an estimated 31,277 people employed in the region. The mining, retail trade and construction sectors are the largest employers in the region representing 40.7 per cent of the workforce.

The region's unemployment rate is consistently below the State average registering 5.6 per cent in June 2000. The mining sector not only creates employment directly but also contributes to manufacturing activity that has established itself to service the requirements of the mining sector.





2001-02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE

	Agency	2001-02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001-02			
Niagara Dam, construction of facilities	GEDC	63,000	63,000
Clinic replacement, Warburton	Health	100,000	2,000,000
Ngaanyatjarra training facility	Training	100,000	100,000
Residential subdivision, Kalgoorlie	WA Land Authority	2,218,000	2,218,000
Town water supply improvements, Leonora	Water Corporation	1,500,000	2,000,000
Other works		1,102,000	1,894,000
Regional distribution system upgrade, Esperance	Western Power	2,000,000	13,000,000
CONTINUING WORKS			
Eastern Goldfields senior campus additions	Education	1,578,000	13,038,000
Breakwater construction	Esperance Port Authority	1,796,000	6,815,000
New shiploader		12,700,000	21,460,000
Kalgoorlie Hospital, redevelopment stage 1	Health	880,000	6,000,000
Sobering up centre improvements, Kalgoorlie		280,000	298,000
Mining drill core storage facilities	MPR	345,000	4,000,000
Golden pipeline project	National Trust of Australia (WA)	3,500,000	6,900,000
Prospector railcars	WAGR	24,694,000	59,000,000
Residential and light industrial developments, Hopetoun	WA Land Authority	372,000	6,597,000
Esperance water tank storage	Water Corporation	1,900,000	4,381,000
Koorawalyee storage upgrade		163,000	2,047,000

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G R E A T S O U T H E R N

ECONOMY

The Great Southern region covers an area of approximately 39,000 square kilometres, which is approximately 1.5 per cent of the State's total area. The port town of Albany is the region's administrative hub.

The economy in the Great Southern region is dominated by agricultural production, with the region being the second largest producer of agricultural commodities in the State. In 1998–99 agricultural production in the region was worth \$560.7 million. The region also has an extensive seine, trawl and wetline fishing industry. For the 1999–00 season the catch was valued at approximately \$4.8 million.

The region has manufacturing and services sectors that support the agricultural economic base. The Great Southern has also been at the forefront of plantation timber development including significant plantings of blue gum and pine.

POPULATION CHANGE

The estimated population for the Great Southern region in 2000 was 52,218, approximately 2.8 per cent of the State's population.

The region is experiencing particularly high growth in the 35 to 50 year age group, with this group increasing from 16.6 per cent of the region's population in 1981 to 23 per cent in 1998.

The population for the region is projected to be 70,300 by 2031.

LABOUR MARKET

In June 2000 there were 26,420 people employed in the region. Traditional broadacre crop and livestock production, along with the horticulture, viticulture, timber and fishing industries accounted for 26.2 per cent of the workforce in 1996.

The region's unemployment rate has tended to follow the State trend and was 5.8 per cent in June 2000. During the 1980s and 1990s the economic base of the Great Southern diversified and this has reduced its dependence on agriculture for employment opportunities.





2001-02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – GREAT SOUTHERN

	Agency	2001-02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001-02			
Breakwaters	Albany Port Authority	3,870,000	3,870,000
Minor works		200,000	200,000
Residential college staff accommodation, Katanning	CHSHA	160,000	160,000
Fire station refurbishment, Albany	FESA	260,000	260,000
Hospital paediatric ward upgrade, Albany	Health	50,000	1,000,000
Justice/Police complex, Albany	Justice/Police	200,000	20,050,000
Pumping station, effluent treatment and water treatment upgrades in Albany and Denmark	Water Corporation	2,507,000	16,240,000
CONTINUING WORKS			
No 6 berth dredging	Albany Port Authority	2,000,000	7,241,000
Albany primary school replacement, upgrade	Education	5,558,000	6,100,000
Albany senior high school, additions and improvements		3,196,000	5,571,000
Albany University centre	GSDC	200,000	800,000
Community resource centre		40,000	380,000
Vancouver Waterways project, Albany		203,000	954,000
Albany Highway, Kojonup to Albany, passing lanes	Main Roads	1,500,000	7,039,000
South Coast Highway, Bakers Junction to Manypeaks		231,000	370,000
Albany Highway, Kojonup to Cranbrook: Widen, Primeseal and Seal		225,000	991,000
Great Southern College new campus Katanning stage 1	Training	290,000	2,200,000
Water and effluent treatments and other works, Albany, Denmark, Mt Barker and Katanning	Water Corporation	4,740,000	8,649,000
Albany windfarm	Western Power	6,850,000	45,250,000

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K I M B E R L E Y

ECONOMY

The Kimberley region covers an area of over 421,000 square kilometres, which is approximately 16 per cent of the State's total area.

The major population centres of the region are the towns of Broome, Kununurra, Derby, Halls Creek, Wyndham and Fitzroy Crossing.

The Kimberley has a diverse regional economy with mining, tourism, retail, agriculture and pearling the major contributors to the region's outputs.

Mineral and petroleum production was valued at \$891 million in 1999–00, which represents 4.1 per cent of the State's total. Diamond production and zinc/lead mining are the two biggest contributors to the sector.

The region's pastoral industry and irrigated agricultural activities add to its diversity. The irrigated agricultural component is predominantly horticultural and broadacre crops grown in the Ord Irrigation Area.

Rangeland pastoral activities include the production of beef cattle for export. The region also has a successful fishing sector and is home to the State's pearling industry.

POPULATION CHANGE

The estimated population of the Kimberley region in 2000 was 30,539.

Between 1996 and 2000 the population increased by an average 4.3 per cent per annum, exceeding both the State's growth rate and that for regional Western Australia. The region has a young population with the average age being 27.5 years compared to 33.3 years for Western Australia. Around 46 per cent of the resident population is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

The Kimberley's population is projected to reach 50,700 in 2031.

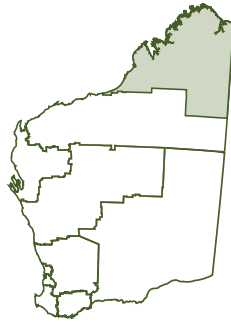
LABOUR MARKET

In June 2000 there were an estimated 13,163 people employed in the Kimberley.

The health and community services sector is the region's largest employer. The second largest in terms of employment is retail trade, followed by education, agriculture/forestry, fishing, accommodation/restaurants, personal and other services and the construction sector.

The region's unemployment rate is quite volatile principally due to the relatively small labour force and the region recorded an unemployment rate of 14.6 per cent at June 2000.





2001–02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – KIMBERLEY

	Agency	2001–02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001–02			
Jetty upgrade and deck strengthening	Broome Port Authority	300,000	300,000
Outer harbour fender system		900,000	900,000
Other works		210,000	210,000
Broome SES regional headquarters replacement	FESA	920,000	920,000
Kimberley health developments	Health	500,000	34,100,000
Oombulgurri Clinic replacement		100,000	900,000
Balgo police post	Police	500,000	500,000
Kununurra residential subdivision	WA Land Authority	965,000	965,000
Broome residential subdivision		2,000,000	2,721,000
Broome subdivision: horticulture, light industrial, power station		495,000	845,000
Various works at Derby, Kununurra and elsewhere	Water Corporation	1,362,000	1,362,000
CONTINUING WORKS			
School of the Air replacement	Education	1,204,000	1,300,000
Kununurra district high school, additions and improvements		481,000	521,000
Wyndham sobering up centre	Health	541,000	599,000
Broome-Cape Leveque Road	Main Roads	1,893,000	10,110,000
Gibb River to Wyndham Road: Derby– Wyndham improvements		1,000,000	26,802,000
Ord River Irrigation stage 2	MPR	5,361,000	17,564,000
Kimberley College, Broome stage 2	Training	205,000	1,900,000
Water treatment and other works	Water Corporation	4,360,000	12,546,000
Upgrades: Broome, Kununurra	Western Power	3,764,000	5,299,000

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M I D W E S T

ECONOMY

The Mid West region covers an area of almost 470,000 square kilometres, which is approximately 19 per cent of the State's total area.

The Mid West region comprises 19 local government authorities including the City of Geraldton, which is the region's major commercial, administrative and service centre.

The Mid West has a broad economic base with mining dominating but with major contributions from the agriculture, fishing and tourism sectors.

The mining sector in itself is diverse and covers the production of gold, mineral sands, zinc, petroleum and natural gas. The value of the mining sector was estimated to be \$1.6 billion in 1999–00.

The region accounts for 13.1 per cent of the State's gross value of agricultural production, mainly derived from broadacre grain crops, wool and livestock. The region has the highest value fishing industry in the State with a value of \$176.7 million in 1999–00. The

industry is dominated by rock lobster capture which accounts for 93.8 per cent of the total catch value.

The Mid West is being developed as a prime nature-based, marine and cultural tourism destination.

POPULATION CHANGE

The estimated population for the Mid West region in 2000 was 50,498, representing 2.7 per cent of the State's population. The region's population has increased by an average 0.7 per cent per annum between 1995 and 2000, below both the State's growth rate and that for regional Western Australia.

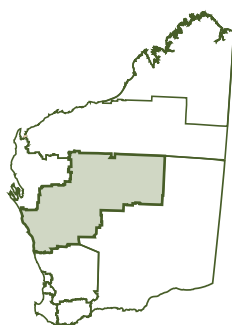
The region's population is projected to be 67,300 by 2031.

LABOUR MARKET

In June 2000 there were an estimated 24,424 people employed in the Mid West. The agriculture, forestry and fishing sector is the region's biggest employer with 3,422 employees in 1996.

The region's unemployment rate has tended to fluctuate more than the State's rate, mainly due to the seasonality of many of the employment opportunities within the region. The Mid West recorded an unemployment rate of 7.8 per cent in June 2000, above the State rate of 6.2 per cent.





2001–02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – MID WEST

	Agency	2001–02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001–02			
Geraldton secondary college refurbishment	Education	1,000,000	2,500,000
Tourism and fisheries infrastructure	Fisheries	720,000	2,240,000
Wall extension	Geraldton Port Authority	4,500,000	4,500,000
Geraldton marine and fishing centre	Training	245,000	4,730,000
Geraldton Southern rail corridor	WAGR	4,500,000	53,000,000
Kalbarri light industrial subdivision	WA Land Authority	280,000	280,000
Port Denison residential subdivision		500,000	1,000,000
Land acquisition and investment	Water Corporation	519,000	519,000
CONTINUING WORKS			
Geraldton regional office	Agriculture	2,462,000	4,415,000
Three Springs district office		234,000	350,000
Residential college, college improvements	CHSHA	4,719,000	5,589,000
Geraldton museum fit out	Culture and the Arts	672,000	1,000,000
Geraldton hospital redevelopment	Health	410,000	35,000,000
Geraldton sobering up centre		378,000	400,000
Morawa hospital emergency development		90,000	890,000
Mt Magnet to Agnew Road	Main Roads	20,645,000	67,694,000
Geraldton Southern Transport Corridor (road)		4,839,000	46,009,000
Batavia coast marina upgrade	Planning and Infrastructure	464,000	1,989,000
Port Denison maritime pen system		394,000	460,000
Central West College manufacturing workshop, Geraldton	Training	1,219,000	8,200,000
Pumping station upgrades and other works, Geraldton	Water Corporation	8,522,000	14,575,000
Wastewater treatment at Narngulu		194,000	3,001,000

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P E E L

ECONOMY

The Peel region covers an area of 5,500 square kilometres making it the smallest of the nine regions in the State.

It includes five local government areas: Mandurah (City), Boddington, Murray, Serpentine-Jarrahdale and Waroona.

The Peel region has a diverse economy based on mining and mineral processing, with agriculture, the equine industry, timber production, fishing, manufacturing, construction and tourism all making contributions. Bauxite dominates the mining sector with the region supplying feedstock for the production of 21 per cent of the world's alumina. Gold and mineral sands are also mined in the region.

The region also boasts a successful equine industry, a cattle and milk industry and a highly successful fishing industry based around rock lobster capture. The Peel region is a significant tourist destination with almost 2 million day trips being made in 1999.

POPULATION CHANGE

The estimated population of the Peel region in 2000 was 72,455, approximately 38 per cent of the State's population. The population has increased by an average 3.2 per cent per annum between 1995 and 2000 exceeding both the State's growth rate and that for regional Western Australia.

By 2031, the population for the region is projected to be 171,200.

LABOUR MARKET

In June 2000 there were 28,962 people employed in the Peel region. The region's largest employer is manufacturing, with retail trade and construction the next largest employers.

The region's unemployment rate is quite volatile principally due to the relatively small labour force. The region recorded an unemployment rate of 8.1 per cent at June 2000, above the State average of 6.2 per cent.





2001–02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – PEEL

	Agency	2001–02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001–02			
Various works	WA Greyhound Racing Authority	161,000	161,000
Boddington wastewater treatment plant	Water Corporation	164,000	328,000
Conjurunup Creek pumpback		500,000	3,500,000
Peninsula caravan park pumping station upgrade		150,000	150,000
Samson Brook dam redevelopment		300,000	33,000,000
Mandurah works		1,986,000	3,677,000
CONTINUING WORKS			
Marri Grove primary school additions	Education	988,000	1,000,000
Additions to Halls Head high school		1,222,000	1,254,000
New fire station South West corridor no. 3	FESA	365,000	1,645,000
Drainage for mosquito control	Health	250,000	1,000,000
Mandurah ocean marina, stage 1	Peel Development Commission	378,000	2,581,000
Railway Heritage Centre		829,000	2,190,000
South West Highway: Pinjarra-Waroona	Main Roads	250,000	10,917,000
South West Highway: Waroona-Roelands		2,320,000	13,619,000
Waroona dam remedial works	Water Corporation	840,000	29,666,000

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P I L B A R A

ECONOMY

The Pilbara region covers an area of over 505,000 square kilometres, which is approximately 20 per cent of the State's total area.

The major towns of the region are Port Hedland, South Hedland and Karratha. Other towns are Roebourne, Dampier, Onslow, Pannawonica, Paraburdoo, Point Samson, Tom Price, Wickham, Newman, Marble Bar and Nullagine.

The Pilbara economy is dominated by the iron ore and petroleum industries. The value of production of the region's mining and petroleum industries was worth \$11.7 billion in 1999–00, 55.1 per cent of the State's total production. Iron ore production was valued at \$3.7 billion, crude oil at \$3.2 billion and liquefied natural gas (LNG) at \$2 billion. Significant contributions also come from natural gas, petroleum-condensate, gold and salt.

POPULATION CHANGE

The estimated population of the Pilbara region in 2000 was 40,429, 2.1 per cent of the State's population. Despite construction-driven population growth during the mid 1980s, the population reduced by 1.3 per cent during the ten years 1990 to 2000. This was attributed in the main to reductions in employment numbers in the mining sector as it became more capital intensive and as major construction projects were completed.

The population for the region is projected to be 51,100 by 2031.

LABOUR MARKET

In June 2000 there were 23,533 people employed in the Pilbara region. Mining employed 26.8 per cent of all workers in the region.

The region's unemployment rate was 4.9 per cent in June 2000 and is consistently well below the State rate. This is attributed to the high number of itinerant workers who move when there is a decline in employment opportunities.





2001-02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – PILBARA

	Agency	2001-02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001-02			
Plenty River project, multi-user infrastructure	Dampier Port Authority	12,000,000	18,000,000
Syntroleum project, multi-user infrastructure		1,500,000	1,500,000
Newman dental clinic	Health	100,000	500,000
Nullagine health clinic replacement		100,000	900,000
Onslow Sea Wall	Pilbara Development Commission	950,000	1,300,000
Newman police station	Police	500,000	3,500,000
Various works	Port Hedland Port Authority	2,119,000	2,119,000
Eastern Pilbara College of TAFE, upgrade	Training	100,000	850,000
Karratha light industrial subdivision	WA Land Authority	779,000	1,300,000
West Pilbara roof upgrades	Water Corporation	230,000	230,000
Transmission works and other works	Western Power	208,000	208,000
CONTINUING WORKS			
Tom Price high school additions and improvements	Education	128,000	2,180,000
Wickham school improvements		124,000	439,000
North West health plan developments	Health	419,000	4,120,000
Port Hedland health service redevelopment, stage 1		601,000	11,000,000
Karratha-Tom Price Link Road, stage 1	Main Roads	1,028,000	23,338,000
Marble Bar-Shaw River		4,099,000	49,472,000
Ripon Hills, construct and seal		4,301,000	63,165,000
Point Samson boat harbour upgrade	Planning and Infrastructure	360,000	7,189,000
Harding dam treatment plant	Water Corporation	2,865,000	23,447,000
Port Hedland wastewater treatment		904,000	955,000
Distribution works: Pilbara, Burrup	Western Power	1,263,000	5,965,000
Marble Bar power station		417,000	579,000

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S O U T H W E S T

ECONOMY

The South West region covers an area of approximately 24,000 square kilometres which is approximately 1 per cent of the State's total area.

The region consists of 12 local government areas including the City of Bunbury.

The South West has the most diverse regional economy with the major contributors being mineral extraction, processing and manufacturing; agriculture and horticulture; timber and forest products; retailing; tourism; construction; other manufacturing; service industries; and fishing and aquaculture.

The region produces all of Western Australia's coal and has significant investments in mineral sands, alumina and the manufacturing of titanium dioxide pigment. The region is noted for its fruit and vegetable production as well as for its beef and wool. The wine industry is a major contributor to its economy together with timber and fishing, including the capture of

abalone, fin fish and rock lobster. The South West is also a significant tourist destination.

POPULATION CHANGE

The region has the largest regional population, with an estimated population of 126,859 in 2000. The population has grown at the rate of 3 per cent per annum between 1995 and 2000, exceeding both the State's growth rate and that for regional Western Australia.

The South West is home to 6.7 per cent of the State's population and its projected population in 2016 is 172,300.

LABOUR MARKET

In June 2000, there were 60,675 people employed in the South West region.

The manufacturing sector is the largest employer in the region. Retail trade is the second largest employer, while agriculture, forestry and fishing all contribute to employment.

The region's unemployment rate has been generally lower than the State average during the 1990s and recorded an unemployment rate of 5.7 per cent in June 2000, below the State average of 6.2 per cent.





2001–02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – SOUTH-WEST

	Agency	2001–02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001–02			
Container facilities and other works	Bunbury Port Authority	7,750,000	7,750,000
Combined works program	Bunbury Water Board	2,882,000	8,777,000
Mains and plant upgrades	Busselton Water Board	1,554,000	1,554,000
Leschenault peninsula conservation works	Conservation	150,000	1,500,000
National park infrastructure to protect old growth forests		2,050,000	9,670,000
Bunbury heritage museum	Culture and the Arts	1,000,000	1,000,000
Dunsborough primary school, improvements	Education	50,000	1,200,000
New high school, Eaton		6,700,000	17,000,000
Refurbishment of Bunbury and Newton Moore senior high schools		2,500,000	2,500,000
Hospital upgrade, Margaret River	Health	210,000	2,950,000
Wireless South-West Project	Industry and Technology	3,500,000	7,000,000
Bridgetown recreation centre	SWDC	500,000	500,000
Koombana Beach redevelopment		200,000	200,000
South West recreation centre, Bunbury	Sport and Recreation	3,000,000	3,000,000
Upgrades: Eaton and Two Peoples Bay	Water Corporation	1,194,000	1,194,000
CONTINUING WORKS			
New access road	Bunbury Port Authority	484,000	507,000
New primary school: South Busselton	Education	5,518,000	5,780,000
Replacement fire station, Collie	FESA	193,000	200,000
Redevelopment of facilities at Pemberton	Health	552,000	5,004,000
South Western Highway: Bendale Road to Donnybrook	Main Roads	420,000	6,446,000
Bunbury district police complex	Police	1,815,000	9,000,000
Bunbury back beach coastal enhancement	SWDC	4,261,000	5,014,000
Improvements to South West Regional College	Training	281,000	4,500,000
Stirling-Harvey redevelopment	Water Corporation	38,263,000	225,912,000
Wellington Dam outlet works		395,000	2,773,000
Misc. Works: Warren-Blackwood, Collie, Mitchell, Vasse		42,309,000	100,340,000

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W H E A T B E L T

ECONOMY

The Wheatbelt region covers an area of over 154,000 square kilometres which is approximately 6 per cent of the State's total area.

The Wheatbelt's economy has historically been based on agriculture, particularly cropping, which remains the most dominant industry in the region. Other agricultural activities such as wool and livestock also play a key part in the agricultural sector.

The region boasts a significant mining sector with mineral sands and gold being key commodities produced. The Wheatbelt also has an export focused fishing sector that is dominated by rock lobster and a manufacturing industry that supports and services the region. The Wheatbelt is also becoming a significant tourist destination.



POPULATION CHANGE

The estimated population of the Wheatbelt region in 2000 was 72,596, 3.9 per cent of the State's population. The population distribution across the Wheatbelt is unique with the population spread relatively evenly across many small population centres and there is an absence of a large, high order urban areas.

The projected population of the Wheatbelt region in 2031 is 118,000.

LABOUR MARKET

In June 2000 there were 36,816 people employed in the Wheatbelt.

The agriculture/forestry/fishing sector employed 11,357 people in 1996, representing 36 percent of the region's workforce.

The region's unemployment rate is relatively low as a result of the diversification of the regional economy into tourism and the processing of primary produce. The Wheatbelt region recorded an unemployment rate of 4.0 per cent at June 2000, well below the State rate of 6.2 per cent.



2001-02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – WHEATBELT

	Agency	2001-02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001-02			
Beverley district high school refurbishment	Education	500,000	500,000
Merredin senior high school refurbishment		750,000	750,000
Toodyay replacement fire station	FESA	398,000	400,000
Hyden residential subdivision	WA Land Authority	280,000	280,000
Beverley light industrial subdivision program		130,000	130,000
Lake Grace commercial subdivision		95,000	95,000
Light industrial, residential and special land subdivisions: Cervantes, Jurien, Ledge Pt		1,396,000	2,296,000
Works: Beverley, Cervantes, Cleary Rockes, Kulin, Lancelin, Northam, Toodyay and other	Water Corporation	3,485,000	5,525,000
Works: Northam, Cunderdin, Lake Grace, Regans Ford	Western Power	1,023,000	1,676,000
CONTINUING WORKS			
Narrogin residential college improvements	CHSHA	3,447,000	6,769,000
Cunderdin district high school – additions and improvements	Education	971,000	977,000
Goomalling multi purpose health facility	Health	1,437,000	2,400,000
Moora Hospital redevelopment stages 1 and 2		100,000	3,900,000
Narrogin hospital redevelopment		2,382,000	4,500,000
Brookton Highway: Karragullen-Brookton	Main Roads	912,000	25,991,000
East-West heavy haulage route		2,700,000	24,273,000
Great Eastern Highway – Northam bypass		27,068,000	42,280,000
Toodyay Road: Replace Bridge		924,000	3,550,000
Various roads: Grain Logistics – improvements		1,868,000	19,693,000
Cervantes Key: stage 1 jetty construction	Planning and Infrastructure	223,000	1,960,000
Works: Beverley, Toodyay, Merredin and others	Water Corporation	8,199,000	28,156,000
Combined Works	Western Power	7,740,000	21,176,000

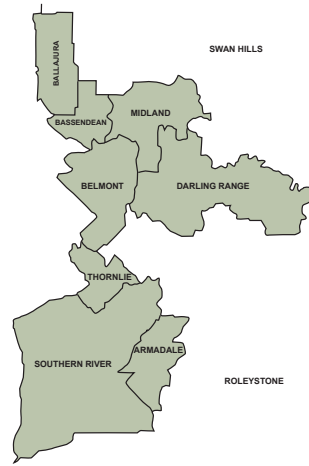
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E A S T M E T R O P O L I T A N

The East Metropolitan Region takes in the electorates of Armadale, Ballajura, Bassendean, Belmont, Darling Range, Midland, Roleystone, Southern River, Swan Hills and Thornlie.

2001–02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – EAST METROPOLITAN

	Agency	2001–02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001–02			
Renovation Fairholme Hostel	Disability Services Commission	724,000	724,000
Armadale senior high school: refurbishment	Education	750,000	750,000
Morley senior high school: refurbishment		1,000,000	1,000,000
West Midland primary school: additions and improvements		50,000	3,000,000
Swan View senior high school: refurbishment		1,000,000	1,000,000
Gosnells senior high school : refurbishment		1,000,000	2,000,000
East metropolitan health service developments	Health	1,600,000	24,500,000
Swan Districts, Kalamunda, Rockingham and Osborne Park hospital upgrade		480,000	13,500,000
Albany Highway: Gosnells revitalisation project	Main Roads	2,000,000	5,000,000
Works: City/Tuohy Gardens Precinct, Clayton North and others	Midland Redevelopment Authority	5,301,000	14,251,000
Mining drill core storage facility	MPR	2,500,000	5,000,000
Bickley camp improvements	Recreation Camps and Reserves Board	200,000	200,000
Works: Bassendean, Churchman Brook Dam, Serpentine, Swan Hills	Water Corporation	3,459,000	18,859,000
Building and equipment upgrades	Western Australian Greyhound Racing Authority	240,000	240,000
Station upgrade, Armadale	WAGR	200,000	6,000,000
Station upgrade, Bassendean		1,000,000	6,500,000



	Agency	2001–02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
CONTINUING WORKS			
Serpentine primary school, additions and improvements	Education	1,588,000	1,600,000
Canning Vale East primary school, new		4,770,000	5,281,000
Coolamon primary school, new		84,000	200,000
New fire station, Roleystone	FESA	218,000	365,000
Malaga Fire and Rescue Service, replacement		809,000	1,200,000
Armadale/Kelmscott redevelopment	Health	15,884,000	58,668,000
Midland sobering up centre		90,000	140,000
Great Eastern Highway: Sawyers Valley to the Lakes	Main Roads	24,689,000	42,582,000
Roe Highway: Welshpool Road to Nicholson Road		28,560,000	89,000,000
Tonkin Highway: Albany Highway to Mundijong Road		3,313,000	208,000,000
Midland Railway Workshop Site and other works	Midland Redevelopment Authority	9,046,000	12,509,000
Kiara Police Station, replacement	Police	349,000	2,026,000
Police operations support facility		726,000	42,000,000
Midland station standard gauge access	WAGR	550,000	2,450,000
Works: Ballajura, Bassendean, Belmont, Darling Range, Swan Hills, Thornlie and others	Water Corporation	25,045,000	118,983,000
Roleystone, Serpentine Dam: stage 1 remedial works		12,075,000	15,141,000
Works: Ballajura, Belmont, Hazelmere, Southern River Terminal Substation	Western Power	13,118,000	39,879,000

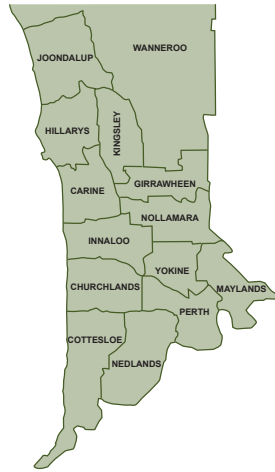
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N O R T H M E T R O P O L I T A N

The North Metropolitan Region takes in the electorates of Carine, Churchlands, Cottesloe, Girrawheen, Hillarys, Innaloo, Joondalup, Kingsley, Maylands, Nedlands, Nollamara, Perth, Wanneroo and Yokine.

2001–02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – NORTH METROPOLITAN

	Agency	2001–02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001–02			
Kings Park and Bold Regional Parks	Botanic Parks & Gardens Authority	2,781,000	3,814,000
Sussex Hostel renovations, Innaloo	Disability Services Commission	591,000	591,000
Bristol Hostel renovations, Yokine		227,000	227,000
Balga senior high school, refurbishment	Education	750,000	750,000
New senior campus, Mindarie		6,000,000	15,000,000
Mt Lawley Senior high school, refurbishment and additions		500,000	5,000,000
Mitchell Freeway: Eddystone Ave Bridge	Main Roads	6,935,000	6,935,000
Hillarys research facility	Fisheries	1,275,000	15,000,000
Works: North Quay, Outer Harbour, Rous Head	Fremantle Port Authority	4,835,000	8,675,000
North Metropolitan Health Service developments	Health	1,500,000	8,000,000
Swan Districts, Kalamunda, Rockingham and Osborne Park hospital upgrade		480,000	13,500,000
Women and Children's Health Service		2,500,000	31,500,000
Hillarys Boat Harbour asset replacement	Transport	118,000	1,280,000
Hillarys, Maylands, Nedlands, Nollamara Perth, Wanneroo, Yokine	Water Corporation	6,429,000	14,072,000
Whitford station car park extension	WAGR	611,000	611,000
New station, Greenwood		300,000	6,800,000
City West station upgrade		1,500,000	1,500,000
Claisebrook station upgrade		3,000,000	3,000,000
Work: Churchlands, Cottesloe, Joondalup, Maylands, Nedlands, Wanneroo	Western Power	27,431,000	29,681,000



	Agency	2001–02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
CONTINUING WORKS			
Kings Park and Bold Regional Park	Botanic Parks and Gardens Authority	6,550,000	21,965,000
New primary school, Swanbourne	Education	3,795,000	5,172,000
New middle school, Kinross		8,354,000	15,399,000
Mt Lawley senior high school, improvements		1,958,000	2,000,000
Hepburn Heights Fire and Rescue Service	FESA	797,000	800,000
Works: North Quay, Outer Harbour	Fremantle Port Authority	1,123,000	11,850,000
WA Centre for Oral Health	Health	9,000,000	19,000,000
North Metropolitan dental clinic		300,000	1,139,000
Reid Highway, Marmion Avenue to Erindale Road	Main Roads	1,665,000	17,574,000
Wanneroo Road, Pinjar Road to Yanchep Beach Road—construct second carriageway		1,692,000	10,097,000
New police academy	Police Service	8,245,000	45,714,000
WA Academy of Performing Arts	Training	3,510,000	7,900,000
Hillarys Boat Harbour replacement pens	Transport	300,000	1,880,000
Works: Churchlands, Girrawheen, Hillarys, Innaloo, Joondalup, Nedlands, Nollamara, Perth, Wanneroo	Water Corporation	37,041,000	173,186,000
Maylands station upgrade	WAGR	893,000	3,720,000
Claisebrook station footbridge		382,000	400,000
Works: Cottesloe, Nedlands, Perth, Wanneroo	Western Power	18,865,000	101,454,000

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S O U T H M E T R O P O L I T A N

The South Metropolitan Region takes in the electorates of Alfred Cove, Cockburn, Fremantle, Murdoch, Peel, Riverton, Rockingham, South Perth, Victoria Park and Willagee.

2001–02 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS – SOUTH METROPOLITAN

	Agency	2001–02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
WORKS COMMENCING IN 2001–02			
Renovation, Norwich Hostel Bull Creek	Disability Services Commission	333,000	333,000
South metro office		1,200,000	1,200,000
New primary schools, Stanford Gardens	Education	3,700,000	5,000,000
Kwinana senior high school refurbishment		1,000,000	1,000,000
South Metropolitan health services developments	Health	2,500,000	8,400,000
Swan Districts, Kalamunda, Rockingham and Osborne Park hospital upgrade		480,000	13,500,000
Works: Victoria Quay, Inner Harbour and others	Fremantle Port Authority	1,093,000	1,093,000
Works	Perth Market Authority	1,410,000	1,410,000
South Perth/Victoria Park Police Station	Police	2,990,000	3,000,000
Tourist facilities and other works	Rottnest Island Authority	2,763,000	2,763,000
Perth urban rail development	WAGR	67,000,000	842,000,000*
Works: Cockburn Sound, Baldivis, Willagee	Water Corporation	1,931,000	2,037,000
Kwinana motorplex	WA Sports Centre Trust	400,000	400,000
Works	Western Power Corporation	10,268,000	21,662,000
East Victoria Park: underground power		5,760,000	5,760,000
Infrastructure	Zoological Gardens Board	500,000	500,000
* NOTE: This figure excludes rolling stock.			



	Agency	2001–02 Investment \$	Total Estimated Investment \$
CONTINUING WORKS			
Maritime Museum	Culture and the Arts	348,000	1,060,000
New primary school, Port Kennedy East (St Michel)	Education	6,284,000	6,650,000
New primary school, Secret Harbour		4,353,000	4,900,000
Bulk Cargo Facilities and other works	Fremantle Port Authority	27,975,000	30,811,000
South Metro health service developments	Health	2,500,000	8,400,000
Fremantle waterfront	Housing and Works	16,028,000	36,512,000
Coogee redevelopment implementation	Industry and Technology	1,707,000	5,900,000
CSIRO relocation		5,035,000	34,000,000
East Rockingham wool processing precinct		4,114,000	6,000,000
Jervoise Bay Development		100,559,000	150,450,000
Kwinana Freeway: Safety Bay and Thomas Road	Main Roads	8,297,000	162,535,000
Roe Highway: Nicholson to South Street		21,040,000	99,000,000
New facilities and other works	Perth Market Authority	2,032,000	2,200,000
Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour: Various works	Planning and Infrastructure	1,616,000	1,678,000
Challenger TAFE, Fremantle	Training	488,000	9,293,000
Challenger TAFE, Murdoch stage 4A		4,083,000	5,000,000
Works: Cockburn, Fremantle, Peel	Water Corporation	50,190,000	179,536,000
Exhibits and upgrades	Zoological Gardens Board	1,317,000	5,808,000
Works: Booragoon, Mt Pleasant, Fremantle works, Bentley, South Perth	Western Power	11,541,000	20,157,000
Kwinana power station and combined cycle plant		96,933,000	338,857,000

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CHSHA	Country High School Hostels Authority
FESA	Fire and Emergency Services Authority
GEDC	Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission
GSDC	Great Southern Development Commission
MPR	Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources
SWDC	South West Development Commission
WAGR	WA Government Railways

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