

## BUDGET AT A GLANCE



### WESTERN AUSTRALIA STATE BUDGET 2017-18

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### RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- WA economy forecast to grow by 3% in 2017-18, with nearly 20,000 jobs expected to be created
- Expense growth constrained to an average of just 1.9% per annum
- \$3.5 billion Budget repair package fairly distributed across the community, including the public and corporate sectors
- Budget on path to surplus by 2020-21

### A PLAN FOR JOBS: GROW AND DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY

- Additional \$87 million over four years for events and destination marketing to support tourism
- \$39 million on the Local Projects Local Jobs grants program to deliver over 750 projects across the State
- Established Defence West to actively campaign for greater share of defence contracts
- \$20 million over five years to establish an Aboriginal Ranger Program
- \$17 million for a New Industries Fund to support new and emerging businesses in the high tech sector
- \$17 million to convert primary school classrooms into science labs and \$2 million to upskill teachers to integrate software coding into their teaching
- Vocational education and training course fees to be frozen from 2018 training year

## **SAFER COMMUNITIES**

- \$83.5 million to establish a Meth Border Force to reduce the supply of methamphetamine coming into the State, and a further \$48.2 million for a coordinated and targeted Methamphetamine Action Plan
- \$12.4 million for the Stopping Family and Domestic Violence package
- \$7.3 million for a step up/step down mental health facility in Kalgoorlie
- \$13.2 million for specialised mental health programs to students in approximately 300 schools

## **BUILDING METRONET; REDUCING CONGESTION; CREATING JOBS**

- \$1.3 billion for METRONET Stage 1 projects, including the Thornlie-Cockburn Link and Yanchep Rail Extension, and acquisition of an additional 102 rail cars
- \$237 million for construction of the Armadale Road Bridge
- \$50 million for a new traffic interchange at Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive
- \$49 million for the widening of Kwinana Freeway northbound between Russell Road and Roe Highway
- \$40 million to begin works on widening the Mitchell Freeway southbound between Cedric Street and Vincent Street
- A record \$129 million investment over four years to build at least 95 km of new cycling paths