

WA STATE BUDGET 2018-19

THE STATE OF THE FINANCES

Getting Western Australia's finances back on track.

The McGowan Labor Government's commitment to responsible financial management is delivering historically low rates of expenditure growth and a projected return to surplus by 2020-21, which in turn is arresting the unsustainable growth in net debt inherited from the previous Government.

STATE FINANCES AT A GLANCE

- At \$1.3 billion, the estimated **general government operating deficit for 2017-18 has halved since the Mid-year Review.**
- **Expense growth in 2018-19 has been contained to just 0.9%**, and an average of 1.2% per annum across the forward estimates period.
- **The revenue outlook has stabilised**, with revenue expected to grow by an average of 3.5% per annum over the Budget period.
- Operating deficits are declining, with **a projected return to surplus in 2020-21.**
- The improving outlook has seen a substantial **\$3.2 billion improvement on the forecast level of net debt** compared to the 2017-18 Budget.
- These outcomes are being achieved while still delivering high quality services and job-creating infrastructure.

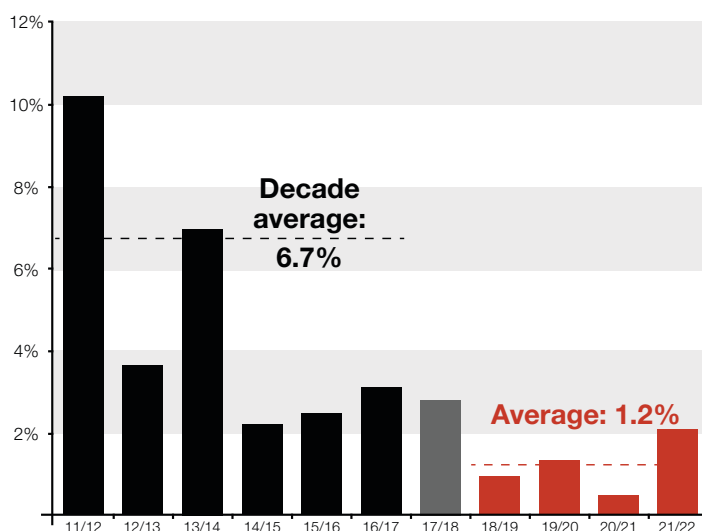


EXPENDITURE MANAGEMENT

Low rates of expense growth reflect the reprioritisation of existing expenditure and the cumulative impact of savings measures across the forward estimates period.

- Expenditure growth forecast at an average of 1.2% per annum is well below average annual growth of 6.7% over past decade.
- Salaries growth brought under control through tightening public sector wages policy, targeted voluntary separations and reductions in Senior Executive Service positions.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSE GROWTH



THE PATH TO SURPLUS

Disciplined recurrent expenditure management, combined with a more stable outlook for the State's revenue, results in declining forecast operating deficits in 2018-19 (\$906 million) and 2019-20 (\$160 million), before a projected return to surplus in 2020-21, the first surplus since 2013-14.

- The improved outlook for 2017-18 is underpinned by lower recurrent spending and successful negotiation for additional funding from the Commonwealth for priority infrastructure projects, including METRONET.
- Stronger general government sector operating results are expected to see total public sector net debt peak at \$40.9 billion at 30 June 2020, before declining to \$39.7 billion by the end of the forward estimates period.
- The Government is on track to meet all of its financial targets by 2020-21, including reducing the proportion of net debt held by the general government sector.

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WA JOBS DRIVING THE WA ECONOMY

The McGowan Labor Government is putting the State to work, creating jobs for Western Australians and turning the State's finances around.

Around 30,000 additional Western Australians have secured employment since March 2017.

WA's economy continues to recover, confidence is returning and jobs are being created.

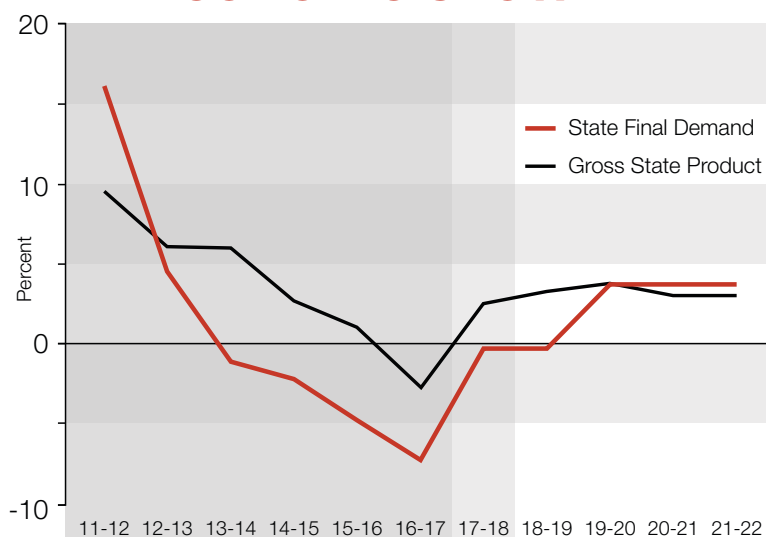
WA JOBS SNAPSHOT

- Investing in **important economic infrastructure to support WA industry** and create jobs in construction
- **Supporting new industries** and helping grow local businesses to diversify the WA economy
- **Record funding for rail**, towards a number of job-creating METRONET projects
- Implementing a **two-year tourism action plan** and promoting our State to the world
- Implementing the new **WA Jobs Law** with WA Industry Link - working with local businesses to ensure that State Government spending delivers local jobs
- \$3.2 billion for **job-creating road infrastructure and maintenance initiatives** across the State
- Investing in important **job-creating hospital upgrades** across the State
- \$184 million towards a **METRONET Social and Affordable Housing and Jobs Package**
- \$22.5 million for the **Regional Economic Development Grants** program to drive economic development
- \$45 million over four years for the **Building Western Australia's Grains Research and Development Capacity** program
- \$4.9 million to expand the operations of **Defence West**, including the establishment of the Defence West Advisory Panel to better position WA industry to secure future defence contracts and create local jobs

THE STATE OF THE WA ECONOMY

- After a period of protracted decline, **WA's domestic economy (as measured by State Final Demand)** is projected to grow in 2019-20.
- **Gross State Product, which includes exports, is expected to rebound to 2.5%** in 2017-18 and 3.25% in 2018-19, following the first annual contraction on record in 2016-17 (of -2.7%).
- Exports, predominantly LNG, iron ore, gold and lithium, are expected to remain the major driver of growth in the short term.
- In the medium term, household consumption is expected to take over as the major driver of growth on the back of improving consumer confidence, population growth and a stronger labour market.

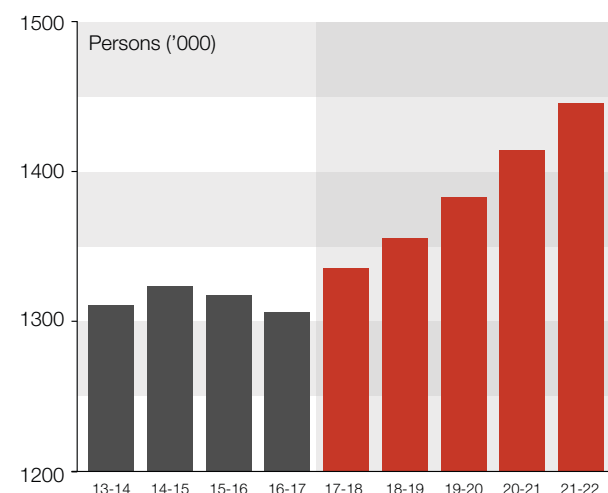
ECONOMIC GROWTH



EMPLOYMENT LEVELS

- **Around 30,000 jobs have been created** since March 2017.
- **Over 2017-18 and 2018-19, around 50,000 jobs are expected to be created.**
- **Labour market conditions are forecast to improve further over the Budget period**, with a gradually increasing participation rate and declining unemployment rate.
- **WA's participation rate is amongst the highest in the nation.**

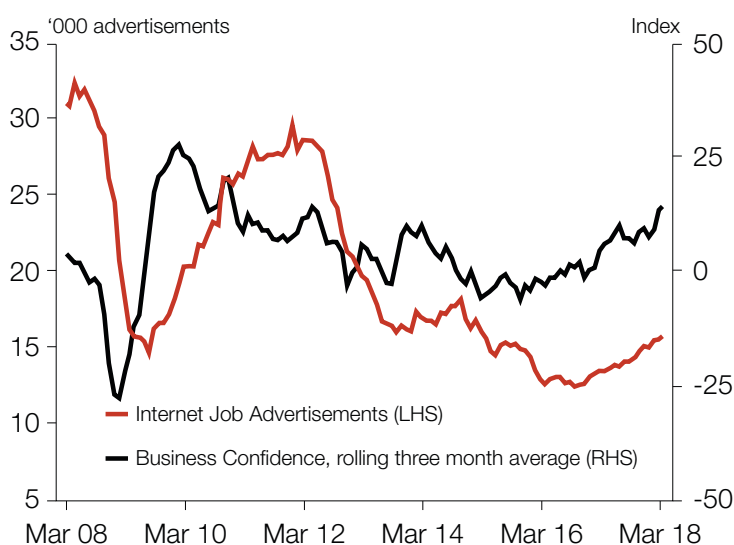
EMPLOYED WESTERN AUSTRALIANS



BUSINESS CONFIDENCE & THE LABOUR MARKET

- **Business confidence in Western Australia has rebounded**, reaching its highest level in more than seven years in the March quarter 2018.
- **The improved confidence has flowed through to the labour market**, supporting a lift in internet job advertisements which reached a three-year high in March 2018, at nearly 16,000 vacancies (see chart).
- **Housing market conditions have begun to stabilise**, with prices expected to increase slightly in 2018-19, as confidence continues to rise.

JOB ADS & BUSINESS CONFIDENCE



Source: Department of Jobs and Small Business, and NAB Economics.



INVESTING IN KEY WA INFRASTRUCTURE

Developing economic infrastructure and a local skilled workforce for the future will help give the WA economy the boost it needs.

The McGowan Government is implementing its comprehensive plan to create new jobs and apprenticeships.

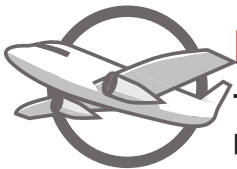
- **Additional asset investment of \$1.1 billion towards METRONET projects** under development (with \$750 million over the forward estimates period), including the Morley-Ellenbrook line and extension of the Armadale line to Byford
- \$151.2 million (with a further \$908.3 million beyond the Budget period) to replace the Transperth A Series railcars. **A total of 246 new railcars will be delivered over the next 10 years as part of METRONET.** A key consideration of the railcar tender process will be the supplier's ability and commitment to manufacture or assemble 50 per cent of the railcars in WA
- \$184 million as the State's contribution to a \$394 million Social and Affordable Housing and Jobs Package, with the balance funded through private sector investment. The package will deliver **1,390 new homes, including up to 320 new social housing dwellings and at least 400 affordable homes, and eight high density METRONET oriented developments**
- \$22.5 million for a program of **Regional Economic Development Grants** across the nine development regions, which will support community driven projects with the aim of delivering local jobs and economic growth
- \$4.9 million to **expand the operations of Defence West**, including the establishment of the Defence West Advisory Panel to better position Western Australian industry to secure future defence contracts and create local jobs



INVESTING IN DIVERSE INDUSTRIES

The McGowan Labor Government continues to invest in science, technology, manufacturing, tourism, services, education services, agriculture and many other industries to diversify the State's economy, drive investment and create local jobs.

- \$3 million, over four years, to establish the **Contemporary Music Fund** to support developing musicians and those working in the creative music industry
- \$22.5 million for the **Regional Economic Development Grants Scheme** to drive economic development in regional Western Australia
- \$45 million over four years for the **Building Western Australia's Grains Research and Development Capacity** program
- \$17.8 million over four years for **new and emerging businesses** as part of the New Industries Fund
- \$10 million per annum from 2019-20 to continue the **Exploration Incentive Scheme** to increase private sector exploration to find mineral or energy discoveries
- \$9.3 million towards **Pilbara Conservation Projects through the Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund** - in collaboration with key industry partners
- \$5.5 million provisioned to allow WA to bid for the **Commonwealth's New Energy Industry Cooperative Research Centre HQ**
- More than \$3.3 million allocated to start the rollout of **WA's STEM skills plan**



ENHANCING TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY

The McGowan Labor Government is elevating tourism and the hospitality industry to propel a new wave of activity through WA to support local business and create jobs.

Tourism is an important economic driver for the State and the McGowan Labor Government continues to facilitate and attract investment in ways that will maximise tourism's impact to diversify the economy and create local tourism and hospitality jobs for WA.

- Leveraging the \$425 million of State Government investment over five years towards **destination marketing and event tourism**
- Progress the Government's commitments to **improvements and upgrades at Fremantle, Broome and Geraldton ports** to facilitate more cruises to WA
- Deliver on the **two-year action plan** to attract more visitors to Western Australia
- Implement **significant liquor reforms to reduce duplication and red tape for applications** – supporting local businesses, creating more jobs and driving a new wave of activity through WA's vibrant hospitality scene

WORKING WITH INDUSTRY TO CREATE LOCAL JOBS

Attracting investment and maximising its impact will help create jobs for Western Australians through private sector and State Government projects.

The McGowan Labor Government's WA Jobs Law ensures government spending creates opportunities for WA businesses and workers.

The State Government injects billions of dollars each year on goods, services and infrastructure. Through the local industry participation plans, the McGowan Labor Government will ensure that WA jobs are maximised as part of this investment.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES IN THE TENDERING PROCESS

Giving local businesses the opportunity to tender for government work is an integral part of the McGowan Government's Plan for Jobs. **WA Industry Link** gives local WA businesses more opportunities to tender and apply for government work.

Nine pilot projects across WA are already operating under the new system.

WORKING WITH INDUSTRY TO PLAN FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE

Investing in infrastructure is critical in growing the economy, creating jobs and supporting our communities. Establishing **Infrastructure WA** is a key part of the McGowan Government's Plan for Jobs.

Infrastructure WA will be an independent board tasked with providing government expert advice on the State's infrastructure needs and priorities, ensuring taxpayers' money is invested wisely.

WA'S SHARE OF FEDERAL FUNDING AT A GLANCE

- **WA will receive only 47.3% of its population share of national GST revenue in 2018-19** – no other State has ever received below 83.4%
- Over the thirty years to 2016-17, **WA has contributed a net \$230 billion to the Federation**
- Commonwealth **per-capita funding for healthcare is \$277 below the national average**
- **WA is penalised for its higher investment in schools** than other States
- The Commonwealth **fails to properly recognise the cost of remoteness for health and skills training**
- The State will fight to continue Commonwealth funding for remote housing

The McGowan Labor Government is continuing to push for reform of the GST distribution to address the State's low GST share. From 2017-18 to 2021-22, WA will lose about \$16.7 billion in GST revenue to other States through the Commonwealth Grants Commission process.

Western Australians heavily subsidise the Federation, contributing far more in Commonwealth tax revenue than the Commonwealth spends in this State; \$16.5 billion more in 2016-17 alone, and \$230 billion more over the past thirty years.

Yet **70-80% of royalties from our expanding lithium industry will be redistributed to other States** through an associated reduction in our GST.

HEALTHCARE FUNDING

Commonwealth healthcare funding in WA is well below the national average:

- Healthcare funding for WA was \$277 per person below the national average in 2015-16.
- Commonwealth Medicare funding in Western Australia is 22% below the national average.
- State hospitals have increased demand as the number of GPs is 18% below the national average.
- WA receives only 63 aged care beds per 1,000 elderly, compared to the national average of 75.
- Unavoidable costs for remote hospital services in WA are not adequately captured.

	WA Rate	National Ave.
Commonwealth contribution to healthcare spending per person (2015-16)	\$2,646	\$2,923
Medicare per person (2016-17)	\$695	\$888
GPs per 100,000 population (2016-17)	79	96
Aged care beds per 1,000 people aged over 70 years & Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50-69 years (2017)	63	75

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

The Commonwealth also fails to properly recognise the cost of providing vocational training in regional and remote areas. Each year, an additional \$45 million is required over and above metropolitan delivery costs.

ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING DELIVERY IN WA (\$000)

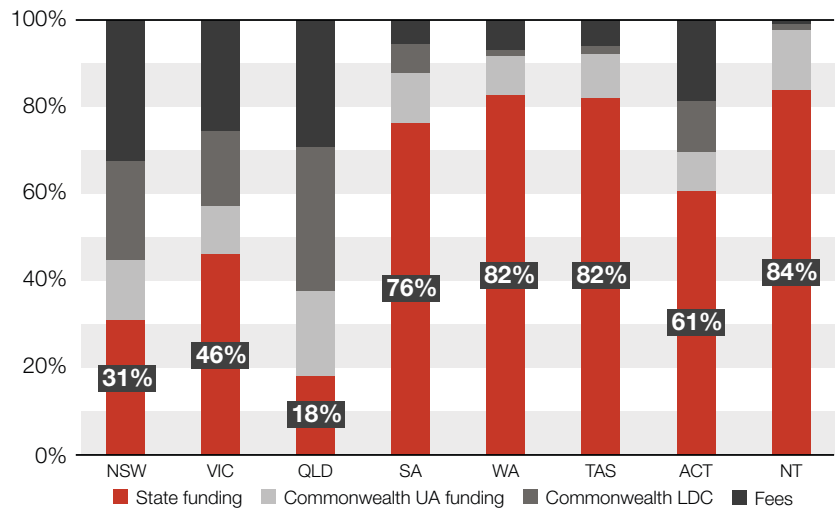
	TAFE Colleges (a)	Private Training Providers	Total Regional Premium
2018	36,633	8,528	45,161
2019	37,017	8,630	45,647
2020	37,406	8,734	46,140
2021	37,800	8,838	46,638
2022	38,198	8,944	47,142

(a) Includes loadings for salary award, class size, base cost for smaller regional programs, housing and goods.

PRESCHOOL FUNDING

WA is also penalised by Commonwealth funding levels that reflect the State's high levels of investment in education and its delivery of preschool primarily in government schools rather than Long Day Care centres.

- **Commonwealth preschool funding rules mean that children who attend preschool at a long day care (LDC) centre attract two sources of funding:** child care subsidies as well as Universal Access (UA). Children who attend preschool at a school attract only the UA funding. Nearly all WA children attend preschool at school - WA misses out on this double-subsidy for those children.
- The Commonwealth's per-child annual contribution to preschool **in Queensland and New South Wales is estimated to be over \$5,000** compared with **only \$1,237 in WA.**



REMOTE HOUSING

The Commonwealth has so far failed to extend the National Partnership on Remote Housing.

This will reduce WA's funding by about \$100 million each year and follows the Commonwealth's previous withdrawal of investment in essential and municipal services in the State's remote communities in 2015.

THE FIGHT FOR A FAIR SHARE

By fighting for a fair share for WA, the McGowan Labor Government has secured additional Commonwealth infrastructure funding in this Budget, including:

- \$189 million for hospital infrastructure;
- \$1.052 billion of new funding for METRONET, including \$729 million in the current forward estimates period;
- \$625 million for road projects; and
- \$140 million for water infrastructure.

The McGowan Labor Government will continue to fight for a fair go for WA, including a fairer GST share.

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BUILDING METRONET & TRANSFORMING WA'S ROADS

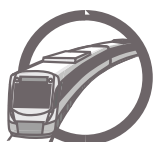
The McGowan Labor Government is putting the State to work, by getting underway a significant number of job-creating transport projects that will bust congestion, make our roads safer and meet WA's future planning needs.

METRONET is well underway, with significant funding allocated towards a number of projects, including the Morley-Ellenbrook Line and new railcars to service METRONET.

The State Budget also includes a major package of works to build new road infrastructure across the metropolitan area and regional WA, with dozens of job-creating projects either underway or set to start construction in 2018-19.

SNAPSHOT ON TRANSPORT

- **\$3.6 billion allocated to METRONET projects in total**
- **Six rail projects totalling 72km** either planned or under construction
- **WA jobs maximised** with 50% local content for 246 new METRONET railcars
- **More than \$2 billion being spent on regional roads**
- **Dozens of major road projects** set to get underway in 2018-19
- **\$135 million investment in cycling infrastructure**



BUILDING METRONET & CREATING WA JOBS

The McGowan Government is building METRONET, an integrated transport plan, to connect our suburbs with world-class public transport, reduce road congestion and create thousands of local jobs. The 2018-19 METRONET Budget represents WA's biggest ever investment in rail infrastructure.



FORRESTFIELD-AIRPORT LINK

The **\$1.9 billion project remains on track for completion in late 2020**, with new stations at Redcliffe, Airport Central and Forrestfield.



THORNIE-COCKBURN LINK

The **\$536 million project will extend the Thornlie Line to Cockburn Station**, the first stage of a potential Circle Line, with two new stations at Nicholson Road and Ranford Road.



YANCHEP RAIL EXTENSION

The **\$520 million project will extend the northern suburbs rail line to Yanchep**, with three new stations at Alkimos, Eglinton and Yanchep.



LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL

\$69 million is being invested to remove the dangerous level crossing at Denny Avenue in Kelmscott, with further planning underway to remove other crossings, located at Caledonian Avenue, Oats Street and Wharf Street.



MORLEY-ELLENBROOK LINE

The new rail line will service the north-eastern suburbs, planning is well underway with the first stage of the project including a major upgrade to Bayswater Station, providing additional space and capability to allow for the new rail connection.



BYFORD RAIL EXTENSION

Planning work is underway to extend the Armadale Line south to Byford.



MIDLAND STATION PROJECT

Planning work is underway to build a new Midland station further east, helping revitalise Midland with a new urban hub and extend the rail line to Bellevue.

More than \$50 million is allocated in this budget to continue planning work on the Morley-Ellenbrook Line, Byford Rail Extension, Midland Station Project and new Karnup Station, with a further \$750 million allocated over the forward estimates while the projects are developed further.



METRONET RAILCAR PROGRAM, WA JOBS BOOST

- **\$1.6 billion project to deliver 246 new METRONET railcars over the next 10 years**
- First stage of the project involves the delivery of **102 new railcars (17 six-car sets)** to service the new **METRONET projects** as they come online
- A follow-on order for **144 railcars (24 six-car sets)** has also been included, to replace the network's ageing **A-series railcars** used on heritage lines
- Funding for a **local railcar assembly facility and associated infrastructure** is also included within the project's budget
- **It is the largest order of railcars in WA's history**
- **At least 50 per cent of the manufacturing of new railcars to be completed in Western Australia,** providing a major boost for WA jobs.



More information about METRONET is available
at www.metronet.wa.gov.au



INVESTING IN OUR ROADS CREATING LOCAL JOBS

The McGowan Government's second Budget includes \$3.2 billion for road infrastructure to reduce congestion, improve safety and create thousands of WA jobs.

A significant number of road projects have recently started construction or will get underway soon. The McGowan Government is delivering its election commitments and planning the next round of important road priorities.

- \$145 million for the **duplication of Armadale Road between Anstey Road and Tapper Road**
- \$237 million for the **Armadale Road Bridge**, connecting North Lake Road
- \$49 million for the **Kwinana Freeway northbound widening between Russell Road and Roe Highway**
- \$86 million for the provision of a **bridge at the intersection of Roe Highway and Kalamunda Road**
- \$40 million for **widening the southbound lanes of Mitchell Freeway between Cedric and Vincent Street**
- \$115 million for bridges at the intersection of **Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road and Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive**
- \$31 million for the **Wanneroo Road dual carriageway between Joondalup Drive and Flynn Drive**
- \$70 million for the duplication of **Reid Highway between Altone Road and West Swan Road**
- \$15 million to undertake upgrades to **Mitchell Freeway from Hutton Street to Cedric Street northbound**
- \$125 million for the **extension of Stephenson Avenue between Scarborough Beach Road and the Mitchell Freeway**
- \$118 million for the **High Street upgrade between Carrington Street and Stirling Highway**



INVESTING IN OUR ROADS ACROSS REGIONAL WA

The McGowan Government is delivering more than \$2 billion on regional roads, including a significant funding allocation for safety related road programs and \$70 million to deliver upgrades on roads where there is a high risk of run-off road accidents.

- \$106.3 million over the forward estimates period to commence the **northern and southern sections of the Bunbury Outer Ring Road**
- \$20 million to **widen a 58 kilometre section of the Indian Ocean Drive** to allow a greater centre separation between traffic and reduce the risk of off-path and head-on crashes
- \$347 million for a **range of upgrades on the Great Northern Highway from Muchea to Wubin**
- \$66 million to **complete construction of the remaining 90 kilometres of unsealed sections of the Broome to Cape Leveque Road**
- \$30 million for **upgrades to the South Coast Highway between Albany and Jerramungup**
- \$50 million for **Stage 3 of the Karratha-Tom Price Road improvement project**
- \$35 million to **progress planning for Stages 2 and 3 of the Albany Ring Road**
- \$17 million to **continue upgrades to Great Eastern Highway** on priority sections identified in the Wheatbelt Safety Review



INVESTING IN CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$67 million will be used to **close gaps along the Fremantle Railway and Mitchell Freeway Principal Shared Paths (PSPs)**, completing an interconnected network of pathways extending 15 kilometres from the Perth CBD
- This includes the **bringing forward of \$18.7 million for construction to start on the highly anticipated missing section of the Fremantle Railway PSP in 2018-19**
- **\$31 million will be available for the planning, design and construction of local bicycle infrastructure** including \$5.3 million in 2021-22 to continue the Bike Boulevard grant program and maintain WA Bicycle Network grants into the forward estimates
- The four-year cycling plan also comprises over **\$36.5 million for cycling and pedestrian facilities as part of major road projects**

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INVESTING IN OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

The 2018-19 State Budget investment in public school infrastructure will create jobs for Western Australians and ensure students across the State are learning in the best possible environments.

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to ensuring our schools can continue to support the growing numbers of students in modern, first class facilities, ensuring all students – regardless of where they live – get a high quality education.

EDUCATION SNAPSHOT

- Total **\$22.2 billion investment** over four years in WA education
- \$1.2 billion over four years to **build and improve WA schools** and ensure students learn in modern school facilities
- \$153.6 million over four years to **build new primary schools** to open from 2021
- A total of \$73.5 million over four years to fund the **increased number of students** attending public schools
- \$10.3 million additional funding for **preventative maintenance** in 2018-19 and 2019-20
- **More support for students** – 100 education assistants employed in WA schools in 2018, with 100 more to come in both 2019 and 2020
- **Additional support provided for students in regional WA** with extra Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers at 51 schools in 2018, and 74 schools in 2019
- **Independent Learning Coordinators located at 10 regional schools** in 2018 to help Year 11 and 12 students studying through the School of Isolated and Distance Education
- **Eight Regional Learning Specialists** allocated to the School of Isolated and Distance Education to provide specialist classes for Year 11 and 12 students
- 100 primary school classrooms to be **converted into science labs** in 2018 and 2019
- **Additional teachers to support mental health** programs in our schools



INVESTING IN SCHOOLS ACROSS WA

There is a record number of students in Western Australian public schools and the McGowan Labor Government is committed to ensuring our schools can continue to support the growing numbers of students in modern, first class facilities.

NEW SCHOOLS

New primary schools to open in 2020:

- Baldivis North (\$16.3 million)
- Banksia Grove East (\$18.8 million) with early childhood facilities (\$3.2 million)
- Byford South East (\$18.9 million)
- Caversham South (\$17.3 million)

Following the opening of kindergarten and pre-primary facilities on these sites earlier this year, works will continue on **new primary schools to open in 2019:**

- Aveley North Primary School, including specialist education support facility
- Aspiri Primary School in Piara Waters
- Oakwood Primary School in Mandurah
- Southern Grove Primary School

Construction of **new secondary schools** will continue at:

- Inner City College at Kitchener Park in Subiaco (\$67.8 million) due to open in 2020
- Butler North (\$52.4 million) due to open in 2020
- South Baldivis (\$48 million) due to open in 2019
- Lakelands in Mandurah due to open in 2019

SCHOOL UPGRADES

Upgrades and works will take place at:

- **Yanchep Secondary College**, second stage (\$13.7 million)
- **Mount Hawthorn Primary School**, continue upgrade (\$4.5 million)
- **Camboon Primary School**, upgrades (\$250,000)
- **Tapping Primary School**, continue upgrade (\$400,000)
- **Shenton College**, upgrades (\$46.1 million)
- **Carine Senior High School** (\$18.8 million)
- \$1.85 million to upgrade administration facilities at **Weld Square Primary School** and **Yokine Primary School**
- Redevelopment of **Balcatta Senior High School** (\$50 million)
- **Southern River College**, new and upgraded facilities (\$8.4 million)
- Perimeter fencing will be installed at **Beaumaris Primary School** and **Currambine Primary School** (total \$400,000)
- **Darling Range Sports College**, upgrades (\$10 million)
- **Morley Senior High School**, upgrades (\$1.5 million)
- **John Forrest Secondary College**, redevelopment (\$50 million)
- **City Beach Residential College**, upgrades continue (\$6.4 million)
- **Mount Lawley Senior High School**, specialist facilities (\$4 million)
- **Wanneroo Secondary College**, upgrades (\$5 million)
- **Kinross College**, upgrades (\$2.5 million)
- **North Morley Primary School**, construction of new library continues (\$1.5 million)

Planning and construction of new performing arts centres at:

- **Melville Senior High School** (\$4.5 million)
- **Ballajura Community College** (\$5 million)
- **Ocean Reef Senior High School** (\$5 million)
- **Belridge Secondary College** (\$5 million)
- **Belmont City College** (\$5 million)

REGIONAL SCHOOLS

The McGowan Government continues to invest in public schools across Western Australia ensuring all students – regardless of where they live – get a high quality education.

Upgrades to schools in regional WA:

- Planning will start for upgraded facilities at the co-located **Albany Secondary Education Support Centre** and **North Albany Senior High School** – to improve classrooms and learning opportunities for students with disability (\$9.8 million)
- **Cape Naturaliste College**, continue second stage construction (\$30.1 million)
- **Margaret River Senior High School**, continue additional and upgraded facilities (\$30 million)
- **Carnarvon Community College** construction continues for the final stage of amalgamation, (\$26.6 million)
- **Collie Senior High School**, construction of new classrooms and school upgrades (\$7.5 million)
- **John Willcock College**, completion of works and refurbishments (\$17.2 million)
- **South Bunbury Primary School**, upgrades to facilities (\$3 million)
- Construction will start of new early childhood facilities at **Glen Huon Primary School** in Eaton (\$1.5 million)
- Planning will start for an early learning building at **Eaton Primary School** (\$3 million)
- Upgrades at **Bunbury Senior High School** (\$5 million)
- **Eaton Community College**, new science facilities (\$5 million)
- **Newton Moore Senior High School**, new STEM centre (\$3 million)
- **Broome Senior High School**, upgrades and expansion (\$19.3 million)
- **Mount Lockyer Primary School**, upgrades (\$3 million)

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WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM & WHERE IT GOES

Responsible financial management and delivering quality services.

The McGowan Labor Government is working to restore the State's finances through constraining growth in the rate of recurrent expenditure.

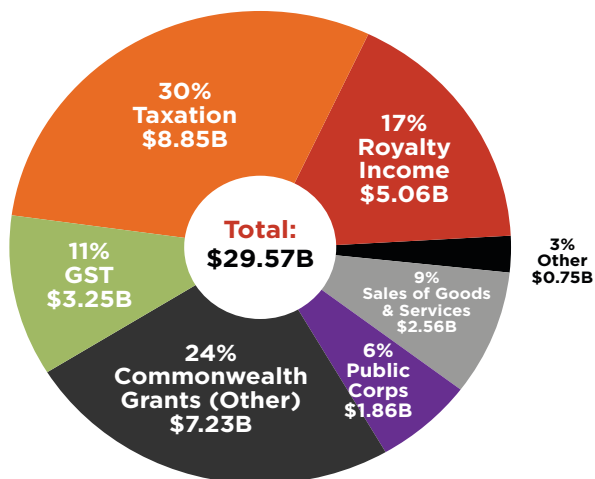
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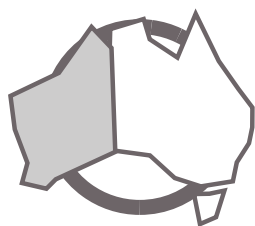
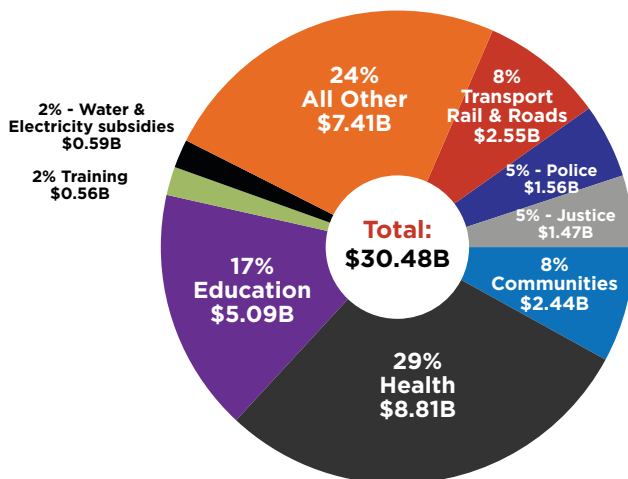
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE AT A GLANCE

- **Revenue is estimated to total \$29.6 billion in 2018-19**, 65% of which is generated directly by the State Government.
- **GST revenue and other Commonwealth grants represent just 35% of the State's total revenue**, this is the lowest proportion of any Australian jurisdiction.
- **Recurrent expenditure is set to reach \$30.5 billion in 2018-19**, with two thirds budgeted for health, education, training, and community support and safety.
- The State is forecast to generate more revenue in 2020-21 than it will incur in recurrent expenditure, **creating a \$1.3 billion surplus in that year.**

2018-19 REVENUE GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR



2018-19 EXPENDITURE GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR



INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPARISON

Western Australia generates 65% of its revenue from direct State sources, with only 35% being provided by the Commonwealth in the form of either GST or other grants.

This is the highest proportion of own-source revenue of any Australian jurisdiction.

2018-19	WA	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	TAS
Commonwealth funded share	35%	39%	48%	50%	56%	63%
Own-source revenue share	65%	61%	52%	50%	44%	37%

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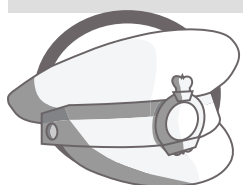
BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES

The McGowan Labor Government has a strong focus on community safety and is introducing services informed by the latest data and information to protect vulnerable children, families and seniors.

These services are being delivered to strengthen community safety, tackle the meth scourge, protect vulnerable children, families and seniors and make our roads safer.

SNAPSHOT ON SAFER COMMUNITIES

- \$181.5 million investment in road safety initiatives
- \$128.5 million record investment towards critical fire emergency services including \$19.5 million for Volunteer and Marine Rescue groups
- \$26.9 million for new police helicopter
- \$21.5 million to continue the Regional Youth Justice Services in the Kimberley and Pilbara
- \$20.5 million for the new Target 120 initiative
- \$10.2 million over the next five years to construct and operate a Mid West community mental health step up / step down service
- \$9.3 million for 33 more alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds in the South West
- Establish and operate the WA Office of Crime Statistics and Research unit to publish evidence based research on crime and justice
- \$4.3 million to implement the National Domestic Violence Order Scheme
- \$8.6 million towards financial counselling services
- \$2.6 million towards a residential program to help family and domestic violence perpetrators change their behaviour
- \$2.5 million to enhance driver training and education for regional and remote communities
- \$2.2 million for protective equipment to bolster safety for front-line health staff
- \$1.1 million for the Kimberley family violence service
- \$600,000 towards regional rapid response signs on beaches
- \$570,000 for crisis and transitional accommodation in Collie



INVESTING IN POLICE AND JUSTICE

The State Government has a focus on initiatives to improve community safety and justice services across Western Australia.

- \$78.8 million to build the **Armadale Courthouse and Police Complex** following the completion of the design and accommodation brief
- \$26.9 million for a **new police helicopter** which will play a crucial role in traffic enforcement and pursuit management
- \$21.5 million to **continue the Regional Youth Justice Services** in the Kimberley and Pilbara to enable diversion and prevention services
- \$20.5 million for the **new Target 120 initiative** – an early intervention program to reduce juvenile reoffending in WA
- Establish and operate the WA Office of Crime Statistics and Research unit to **publish evidence based research on crime and justice**
- **\$4.2 million for two additional magistrates** to ease pressure with criminal matters coming before the Magistrates Court



TACKLING THE METH CRISIS

The McGowan Labor Government's Methamphetamine Action Plan is focused on reducing harm, supply and demand of methamphetamine.

- \$9.3 million to fast track **33 more alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds** in the South West
- \$2.2 million for protective equipment to **bolster safety for front-line health staff**
- **Establish two alcohol and other drug treatment prisons**, with the female facility at Wandoo expected to open in the second half of 2018. The male facility, to be housed at Casuarina Prison, is expected to open in late 2019 in line with the planned roll out of four additional accommodation units and supporting facilities.

- \$10.2 million over the next five years to construct and operate a **Mid West community mental health step up / step down service**
- **A boost in the number of acute and sub-acute mental health beds across WA hospitals and community facilities** including additional mental health units as part of Geraldton Health Campus and Royal Perth Hospital redevelopment programs

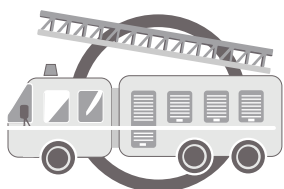


BOOSTING ROAD SAFETY ACROSS WA

The McGowan Labor Government is making a substantial investment in road safety initiatives to reduce road crashes and trauma.

Initiatives include improvements to dangerous roads and intersections, stronger police presence on roads and community education campaigns expected to change driver behaviour.

- \$70 million to **improve regional roads** identified as high risk for runoff crashes
- \$28.2 million directed into **community education campaigns**
- \$20 million improvements to **Indian Ocean Drive**
- \$17.2 million towards road safety improvements to the **Great Eastern Highway in the Wheatbelt region**
- \$13.3 million for **safety upgrades at dangerous metropolitan intersections**
- \$2.5 million to **enhance driver training and education** for regional and remote communities
- \$2.4 million to continue **improvements on Toodyay Road**, taking the total upgrade investment to just over \$36 million
- \$1.8 million to **increase driver breath and drug testing** by WA Police Force



PROTECTING WESTERN AUSTRALIANS

The McGowan Government is funding important initiatives to deliver emergency service management across the State.

- \$128.5 million record investment towards **critical fire emergency services** including:
 - \$19.5 million for **38 Volunteer and Marine Rescue groups** that provide emergency services along the State's coastline
 - \$8 million to **replace ageing volunteer fire stations** in regional locations and \$8.7 million to complete the **roll out crew protection measures**
 - \$80 million to **enhance rural bushfire capacity** through the new Rural Fire Division
 - \$18 million for an Australian-first **Bushfire Centre of Excellence**
 - \$34.6 million increase in **bushfire mitigation** funding
 - \$15 million towards the Bushfire Risk Management Planning program
- An additional \$800,000 boost to finalise remediation works as part of the Yarloop Bushfire clean up
- \$2.2 million for protective equipment to **bolster safety for front-line health staff**
- Implementing the \$600,000 towards **regional rapid response signs** which provides grant funding for local governments to install signs to assist emergency services in identifying regional beach locations when responding to calls for assistance



SUPPORT INITIATIVES TO PREVENT FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The McGowan Labor Government is prioritising measures to reduce family and domestic violence and provide support to those affected.

- \$4.3 million to **implement the National Domestic Violence Order Scheme** to enable family violence restraining orders and police orders to be automatically recognised and enforced across all Australian jurisdictions
- \$2.6 million towards a residential program, which will have nine beds and a 24/7 service, **to help family and domestic violence perpetrators change their behaviour**
- \$570,000 for **crisis and transitional accommodation in Collie**
- \$1.1 million to **support the Kimberley family violence service**

WA STATE BUDGET 2018-19 PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

The McGowan Labor Government is putting patients first. We are focused on building a sustainable, world-class health system and delivering the best health care for all Western Australians, regardless of where they live.

Funding into vital health services reflects the McGowan Government's commitment to improve care in the community with a focus on health prevention and promotion. We are driving innovation, integration and culture change which will ensure our health system is sustainable for future generations.

HEALTH SNAPSHOT

- **\$37 billion total investment in health**
- **\$655 million total infrastructure investment over the next four years**
- \$182.3 million, over four years, for the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme** to support regional Western Australians when they need to travel for medical treatment
- \$158 million towards the **Joondalup Health Campus expansion**
- \$73.3 million over the next five years for the **Geraldton Health Campus stage 1 redevelopment** – to expand the emergency department, inclusion of an acute psychiatric unit and a mental health short stay unit
- \$55.9 million investment into **health technology and priority infrastructure projects**
- \$46.9 million to **replace medical equipment** over 2018-2019 and 2019-2020
- \$46.4 million to **redevelop the Newman Health Service**
- \$27.1 million towards the **district hospital investment program**
- \$24.9 million to **expand rehabilitative, neonatal and midwifery services at Osborne Park Hospital**
- \$21 million towards the **small hospital and nursing post refurbishment program**
- \$17.4 million for the **primary health centres demonstration program**
- \$11.8 million to establish a **Mental Health Observation Area Plus Unit at Royal Perth Hospital** to support inner city mental health needs
- \$10.2 million over the next five years to **construct and operate a Mid West community mental health step up / step down service**
- \$10 million to fund **information and communication technology investments** into clinical and corporate systems
- \$9.3 million to fast-track **33 more alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds in the South West**
- \$6.8 million towards **renal dialysis services**
- \$5 million for **Tom Price Hospital**
- \$4.4 million on upgrades at the **193-bed Peel Health Campus**
- \$3.5 million towards the **Pilbara Health Partnership**
- \$2.2 million for **protective equipment to bolster safety for front-line health staff**
- \$1.8 million for a **family birthing centre at Fiona Stanley Hospital** to provide south metropolitan families access to midwifery led care
- \$1.5 million to **replace defibrillators and monitors**
- \$500,000 to redevelop the **64-bed aged care Valley View Residence in Collie**



DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS

The McGowan Labor Government is continuing to work through plans to **progress key hospital initiatives** including upgrades to the Bunbury and Collie hospitals, which will be outlined in subsequent budgets.

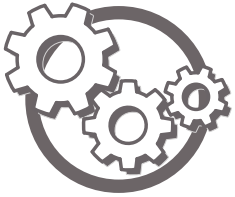


SUSTAINABLE HEALTH REVIEW

The McGowan Government has made positive moves to put the health budget on a more sustainable footing ensuring every health dollar spent represents value for money and delivers quality care for Western Australians.

The interim report handed down in February highlighted the need for waste reduction through more efficient provision of services, an increased focus on health prevention and promotion and improved care in the community.

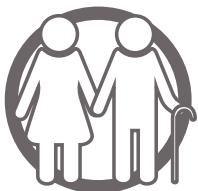
The final Sustainable Health Review report, which reflects input from hundreds of people from grassroots level consultation with patients, stakeholders and community members, will be provided to the State Government in November 2018.



BOOSTING MENTAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

The McGowan Labor Government has continued to make funding for mental health, alcohol and other drug issues a priority to help Western Australians health and wellbeing.

- \$3.8 billion, over the next four years, **for the Mental Health Commission to deliver mental health, alcohol and other drug priorities**
- \$9.3 million to **fast track 33 more alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds in the South West**
- \$10.2 million over the next five years to **construct and operate a Mid West community mental health step up / step down service**
- \$12.8 million for the **Northwest Drug and Alcohol Support Program**
- \$1.6 million towards **Regional Men's Health** to improve men's health and wellbeing in regional Western Australia
- A **boost in the number of acute and sub-acute mental health beds across WA hospitals and community facilities** including additional mental health units as part of Geraldton Health Campus and Royal Perth Hospital redevelopment programs



IMPROVING AGED CARE INFRASTRUCTURE

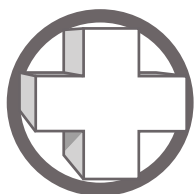
The McGowan Government is injecting millions of dollars towards developing, upgrading and refurbishing residential aged care facilities.

- \$10.6 million for a **residential aged care facility in Carnarvon**
- \$4 million towards the **residential aged and dementia care investment program in regional WA**
- \$1 million for **Dongara Aged Care**
- \$500,000 to **redevelop the 64-bed aged care Valley View Residence in Collie**

The McGowan Labor Government is on track with its commitment to fast-tracking aged care establishments.

More than 30 aged care development opportunities have been progressed through land transfers, rezonings and development approvals.

At least another **1,500 aged care beds will be made available across the state**. An aged care working group is continuing to fast-track the availability of State-owned land and property for aged care facilities.



INNOVATIVE HEALTH SOLUTIONS FOR WA

URGENT CARE CLINICS

The McGowan Labor Government is progressing its plan to deliver Urgent Care Clinics across the WA community. Urgent Care Clinics will provide better integrated quality health care for patients close to where they live.

Western Australia's first Urgent Care Clinic is well underway at Royal Perth Hospital.

The clinic will provide a specialised service for patients presenting with behavioural disturbances and/or toxicological conditions to ensure they are treated in an appropriate environment and relieve pressure on the emergency department.

Planning is underway for more Urgent Care Clinics and will be delivered in subsequent budgets.

MEDIHOTELS

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering on its plans for a specialist hotel for patients who are discharged from hospital but are still recovering – putting patients first and freeing up expensive hospital beds.

WA's first Medihotel is being built as part of the larger 9.6 hectare Murdoch Health and Knowledge Precinct, located alongside Fiona Stanley Hospital. The precinct will include aged care beds, housing and health and research facilities.

Stage one civil works are expected to be completed by mid-2018 for the Medihotel to be ready in 2021.



PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The McGowan Labor Government has tackled the hospital's water issues head-on to ensure the hospital will be ready to open safely to provide quality care and treatment for young Western Australians.

A staged opening has been planned for the Perth Children's Hospital.

- Monday, 14 May 2018: outpatient move
- Monday, 28 May 2018: elective surgery commences
- Sunday, 10 June 2018: final move and emergency department opens

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INVESTING IN REGIONAL WA

The McGowan Labor Government is creating jobs and investing in important infrastructure and services in regional WA, while restoring responsible financial management across the State.

The 2018-19 State Budget guarantees \$4 billion Royalties for Regions funding, investing in the things that really matter to people in regional WA.

A \$3.4 billion investment has been made towards job-creating regional infrastructure.

REGIONAL WA INVESTMENT SNAPSHOT

- **More than \$2 billion will be spent on the State's regional roads** between 2018-19 and 2021-22
- **\$70 million improvements to regional roads across the State** identified as high risk for runoff crashes
- \$1.2 million for **advanced warning signs at intersections on rural roads**
- \$136 million over four years for the **Country Age Pension Fuel Card** and \$4 million for the **volunteer fuel card**
- **\$128.5 million record investment towards critical fire emergency services** including \$80 million to enhance rural bushfire capacity across the State through the new Rural Fire Division and \$19.5 million for Volunteer and Marine Rescue groups
- \$8 million to **replace ageing volunteer fire stations in regional locations** such as Gingin, Margaret River, Northhampton and Halls Creek
- \$800,000 additional funding for the **Yarloop Bushfire clean-up**
- \$18.5 million for the Regional Enforcement Unit to **increase traffic enforcement on country roads**
- \$73.3 million, over five years, for the **Geraldton Health Campus stage 1 redevelopment**
- \$10.2 million over the next five years to construct and operate a **Mid West community mental health Step Up/Step Down service**, which will be offsite but integrated with the Geraldton Health Campus mental health services
- \$46.4 million to **redevelop the Newman Health Service**
- \$5 million towards the **Tom Price Hospital project**
- \$9.3 million to **fast-track 33 more alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds in the South West**
- \$4.4 million for **upgrades to the 193-bed Peel Health Campus**
- \$182.3 million over four years for the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme to **support regional Western Australians when they need to travel for medical treatment**
- \$9.8 million for much needed upgrades to the **Albany Secondary Education Support Centre** and **North Albany Senior High School**
- **More support for students** - 100 education assistants employed in WA schools in 2018, with 100 more to come in both 2019 and 2020
- **Additional support provided for students in regional WA** with extra Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers at 51 schools in 2018, and 74 schools in 2019
- Independent Learning Coordinators located at 10 schools in 2018 to **help senior students studying through the School of Isolated and Distance Education**
- Eight Regional Learning Specialists allocated to the School of Isolated and Distance Education to **provide specialist classes for Year 11 and 12 students**
- \$45 million across four years for the **Building the Western Australian Grains Research and Development capacity program**
- \$5 million for development of the **Myalup Primary Industry Reserve**
- \$22.5 million for the Regional Economic Development Grants program to **drive economic development**
- \$9.3 million for **conservation projects in the Pilbara** by implementing the Pilbara Offsets Fund
- \$10.5 million to establish and manage the **Preston River to Ocean and Leschenault Regional Parks** to drive tourism
- \$1.5 million over three years for a **capability building program for Aboriginal business** across the state to support the Aboriginal Procurement Policy
- \$21.5 million to continue the **Regional Youth Justice Services into the Pilbara and Kimberley**
- \$20.5 million for the Target 120 program for **early intervention into young offenders**

PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN THE REGIONS

The McGowan Government is continuing to invest in regional education and healthcare, with key projects underway or funded in regional WA.

- \$24.8 million to **continue delivery of the Kimberley Schools Program**
- \$26.6 million to **upgrade Carnarvon Community College**
- \$17.9 million allocated towards the **new South Regional TAFE Campus in Esperance**
- \$17.2 million in **upgrades to John Willcock College**
- \$2.5 million to replace transportable classrooms at **Flinders Park Primary School**
- \$4.7 million towards **enhancing educational outcomes in the Pilbara**
- Upgrades to **Margaret River Senior High School** (\$30 million), **Cape Naturaliste College** (\$30.1 million) and **Bunbury Senior High School** (\$5 million)
- \$3.7 million to support educational programs at **Muresk Institute of Agriculture**
- \$9.8 million to commence planning upgraded facilities at the co-located **Albany Secondary Education Support Centre and North Albany Senior High School** – to increase student capacity and provide learning opportunities for students with disability
- \$3 million for **South Bunbury Primary School** in addition to early childhood facilities funded by the Universal Access and Early Childhood Program (\$2.5 million)
- \$1.5 million for construction of new early childhood facilities at **Glen Huon Primary School** in Eaton
- Planning will start for an early learning block at **Eaton Primary School** (\$3 million)
- **Eaton Community College**, planning for new science facilities (\$5 million)
- **Newton Moore Senior High School**, planning for a new STEM centre (\$3 million)
- **Broome Senior High School**, planning for upgrades and expansion (\$19.3 million)
- \$9 million in funding towards the **Step Up/Step Down mental health facility in Kalgoorlie**, with construction due to start this year
- \$5 million funding for **Peel Youth Medical Service Hub**
- \$49.4 million to complete work on the **Karratha Health Campus**
- \$46.4 million to redevelop the **Newman Health Service**
- \$5 million towards the **Tom Price Hospital project**
- \$14.8 million towards the **Step Up/Step Down mental health facility in Karratha**
- \$12.8 million to continue the **Northwest Drug and Alcohol Support Program**
- \$13.4 million to complete and operate the **sub-acute mental health facility in Bunbury**
- \$1.6 million for the **Find Cancer Early program in regional areas**
- \$6.8 million for the **renal dialysis program**

The McGowan Labor Government is creating jobs and strengthening the State's economy by investing in job-creating initiatives across regional WA. The State Budget includes:

- \$16 million to continue the **Aboriginal Rangers Program** over the next 4 years, to provide jobs looking after State parks and protected areas
- \$39.7 million over four years to **boost tourism funding to showcase regional destinations**
- \$24.8 million for the **Regional Natural Resources Management Program**
- \$10 million to better **protect the Abrolhos Islands and create tourism and job opportunities**
- \$8.6 million to progress the **Regional Estuaries initiative**
- \$112 million in funding towards the **Port Hedland marina and waterfront development**
- \$30 million for upgrade of **South Coast Highway**
- \$35 million for the **Albany Ring Road project**
- \$15 million towards **priority road upgrades in the Collie Preston region**
- \$6.5 million to upgrade the **Geraldton Airport runway**
- \$35 million to **upgrade roads related to the Square Kilometre Array project**
- \$4.1 million for the **Esperance indoor sports stadium**

- \$1.6 million to develop a new **Norseman Cultural, Visitor and Community Precinct**
- \$19.5 million investment in the **Albany Wave Energy Project**
- \$49.3 million allocated to **Transform Peel project**
- \$10 million allocated to the **Mandurah Eastern foreshore redevelopment**
- \$16.1 million to start work on the **multi-storey car park at Mandurah Station**, subject to matching funding from the Federal Government
- \$19.8 million to continue the **Pilbara Aboriginal Town Based Reserves project**
- \$50 million for the construction of the next stage of the **Karratha to Tom Price Road**
- \$54.5 million towards the upgrade of the **Marble Bar Road through Coongan Gorge**
- \$47.5 million towards the **Myalup-Wellington Water for Growth project and Southern Forest Irrigation Scheme**
- \$32 million towards the Rail Future Fund to **upgrade the Perth-Australind rail service**
- \$10 million to **establish rail access to Kemerton Industrial Park**
- \$20 million over five years for the **Collie Futures Fund**
- \$10.5 million investment in **Kemerton and Shotts industrial parks** to create more opportunity for businesses
- \$34.4 million towards the **Transforming Bunbury Waterfront project**
- \$106.3 million contribution towards the **Bunbury Outer Ring Road**
- \$14 million towards **upgrades to Great Eastern Highway** between Anzac Drive and Gatacre Drive in Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- \$8 million towards **upgrading priority sections of the Coolgardie-Esperance Highway**
- \$9.7 million in funding to **upgrade boating facilities at Broome's Entrance Point and Town Beach**
- \$7 million to **upgrade the Port of Broome** to enable the cruise ship industry to grow
- Over \$228 million towards **upgrades of the Great Northern Highway** over four years
- \$33.6 million towards **improvements of the Gibb River Road** over four years
- \$65.7 million to continue work on **upgrades to Broome-Cape Leveque Road**
- \$20 million on **upgrades to Indian Ocean Drive**
- \$4.5 million for **new and emerging regional businesses** as part of the New Industries Fund

The McGowan Labor Government is putting the State to work, creating jobs for people across regional Western Australia and turning the State's finances around.

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PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

The State Budget includes important initiatives to protect Western Australia's unique natural environment while creating opportunities for jobs and tourism.

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to reducing waste and has implemented key strategies including a ban on single-use plastic bags and a new Container Deposit Scheme which will improve recycling to reduce the significant impact on our environment.

SNAPSHOT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

- \$31 million for the **Natural Resource Management Program**
- \$9.3 million to implement the **Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund**
- \$10.5 million to fast-track the creation of the **Preston River to Ocean Regional Park** and the **Leschenault Regional Park** in the Bunbury region
- \$2.5 million to **protect the habitat of the endangered Carnaby's cockatoo**, by reducing the extent of pine plantation harvesting
- Introducing a **new, improved model for environmental regulation services and clearing permits**, to grow the economy and create jobs
- \$80 million to enhance rural bushfire capacity across the State through the **new Rural Fire Division**

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS UNDERWAY

- \$16 million to continue the **Aboriginal Rangers Program** over the next four years, to provide jobs looking after State parks and protected areas
- \$10 million to better **protect the Abrolhos Islands** and create tourism and job opportunities
- \$8.6 million for the **Regional Estuaries initiative**
- \$8 million towards a **Living Knowledge Centre at Murujuga National Park** on the Burrup Peninsula
- \$3.6 million over four years for the **Great Kimberley Marine Park**
- \$3 million towards **developing Lake Kepwari**, near Collie, as a tourism precinct
- \$1 million towards the **establishment of a park and reserve network encompassing the fringing coral reefs of the Buccaneer Archipelago**, to protect the region's outstanding natural and cultural values
- \$900,000 for community groups to carry out **restoration works along the Swan and Canning Rivers**
- The consultation process is being undertaken to **create Fitzroy River National Park** to ensure long term health of the river and sustainable economic development



PILBARA ENVIRONMENTAL OFFSETS FUND

The State Budget includes \$9.3 million to **implement the Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund**

The Fund will receive contributions for strategic environmental initiatives to offset environmental impacts of clearing of vegetation and fauna from mining and other companies

The Pilbara Environmental Offset Fund allows for multiple offset payments from several companies to be combined to deliver larger conservation projects or expand successful initiatives

This approach enables strategic projects with much greater environmental benefits to be implemented, rather than multiple smaller activities that would otherwise occur

The Fund contributes to the sustainable development of the Pilbara while also protecting its unique biodiversity and environmental values



PRESTON RIVER TO OCEAN **REGIONAL PARK**

The State Budget includes \$10.5 million to fast-track the creation of the Preston River to Ocean Regional Park and the Leschenault Regional Park in the Bunbury region.

- The Preston River to Ocean Regional Park will create a **continuous reserve of almost 900 hectares** from the south of Bunbury, west of the Preston River to the coast
- The approved funding will also enable the Government to **create the 2297-hectare Leschenault Regional Park**, which will extend along the Collie and Brunswick rivers westwards across the Swan Coastal Plain
- The new regional parks will ensure the protection of the areas' biodiversity while maintaining and improving recreational, social and cultural values for the residents of Bunbury and surrounds



PROTECTING **CARNABY'S COCKATOOS**

The McGowan Government is protecting the habitat of the endangered Carnaby's cockatoo and has reduced the extent of harvesting in the Northern Gngangara, Pinjar and Yanchep pine plantations.

- The State Budget includes **\$2.5 million funding to reduce the level of pine harvesting** and ensure it can be sourced from other locations in the South-West to meet supply agreements with the timber industry
- **Harvesting will be reduced from a projected 2200 hectares to 500 hectares** until June 2019 to reduce the impact of pine harvesting on the Swan Coastal Plain population of Carnaby's cockatoo



PLASTIC **BAG BAN**

Lightweight, single-use plastic shopping bags will be banned in Western Australia from July 1 2018

- Plastic bags make up a relatively small portion of solid waste and litter but **can significantly harm marine wildlife and birds** which can inadvertently eat or become entangled in plastic bag waste
- The State-wide ban will bring Western Australia into line with South Australia, Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory
- The McGowan Labor Government will continue to work with retailers and the community to make the transition to a plastic bag-free State as easy as possible



CONTAINER **DEPOSIT SCHEME**

The McGowan Government's Container Deposit Scheme is expected to begin in 2020.

- The Scheme will **offer consumers 10 cent refund when they return eligible bottles and cans** to refund points across the State
- As well as diverting waste from landfill, the scheme will **boost employment and create hundreds of jobs at new container sorting and processing facilities**, and refund points across metropolitan and regional Western Australia