

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)

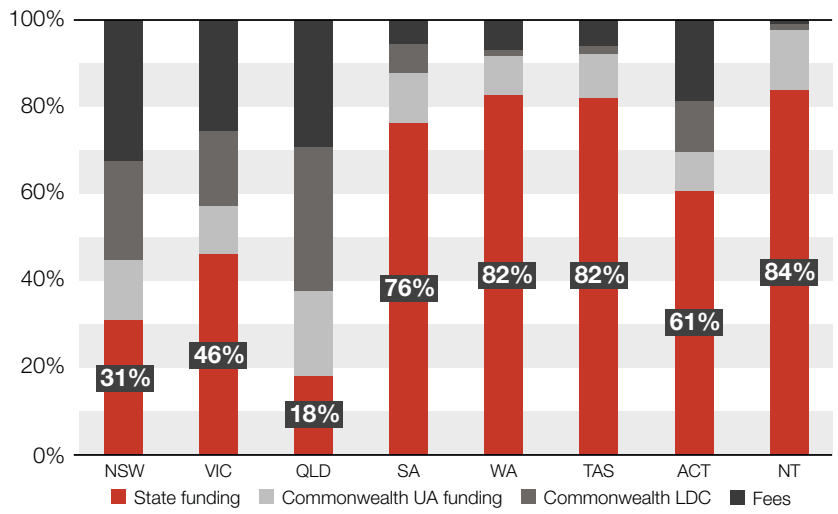
	TAFE Colleges (a)	Private Training Providers	Total Regional Premium
2018	36,633	8,528	45,161
2019	37,017	8,630	45,647
2020	37,406	8,734	46,140
2021	37,800	8,838	46,638
2022	38,198	8,944	47,142

(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.