



WA STATE BUDGET 2020-21

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

The McGowan Labor Government's strong commitment to the environment in the 2020-21 State Budget ensures Western Australia's economic recovery works hand in hand with our State's most precious natural assets. In the process the State Government will create thousands of jobs, keeping the State safe and strong.

PLAN FOR OUR PARKS

The McGowan Government is investing a further \$25.6 million over the next four years towards the creation and management of national parks, marine parks and other conservation reserves under the flagship Plan for Our Parks initiative.

In addition, the McGowan Government will fund:

- \$3.35 million for the expansion of Wellington National Park near Collie, and to upgrade roads, visitor facilities and enhance recreation and tourism opportunities in the park.
- \$8.4 million for the creation and management of Kalgulup Regional Park at Bunbury. The 3100-hectare park is a stronghold for biodiversity and was recently named to reflect the area's significance for Noongar people.
- \$6.7 million to build public recreation facilities and implement traditional owner joint management of the Ningaloo Coastal Reserves in partnership with the Gnulli native title holders.
- \$13.8 million for infrastructure and management of the Houtman Abrolhos Islands National Park over the next four years, including the installation of new jetties.
- \$2 million for the creation and management of a proposed national park at Helena Aurora Range.

CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

The State Government's \$4.7 million commitment to the container deposit scheme has already created more than 600 jobs at refund points, in processing, transporting and recycling containers.

Over the next 20 years the State-wide scheme is expected to divert an additional 6.6 billion containers from landfill and litter. A \$56 million investment in other waste recovery and education initiatives over the past three years has included grants to support recycling infrastructure and programs which improve the recovery and reuse of waste.

An additional \$35 million State Government investment will be provided to boost the domestic processing of plastics, tyres and mixed paper and cardboard.

OTHER INITIATIVES

- \$28 million Environment Online initiative led by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) to cut red tape and remove unnecessary roadblocks to obtain appropriate approvals
- \$7.7 million funding commitment to the new Biodiversity Information Office (BIO), assisting in the State's post-pandemic recovery by minimising delays to major projects.

WA RECOVERY PLAN

As part of the McGowan Labor Government's WA Recovery Plan, the following initiatives are also being implemented:

- \$41.3 million for trails, roads, asset improvements, recreation facilities and other attractions across WA.
- \$60.3 million on the Green Jobs Plan, including \$15 million towards a Native Vegetation Rehabilitation Scheme, creating more than 1000 jobs across the State
- \$10 million investment into the Clean Energy Future Fund, in addition to the \$9.3 million already announced