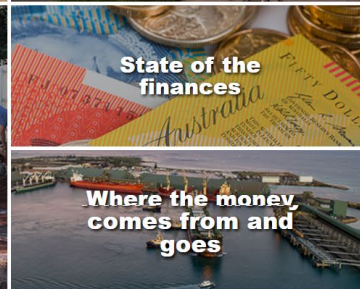
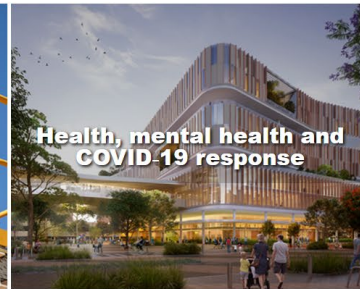




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WA's strong economy and WA jobs

Access the Fact Sheet to discover WA's strong economy and WA Jobs Plan.

Our Strong Economy

WA's domestic economy grew by **4.3% in 2020-21**, the strongest of any State for the second year in a row

Strong growth in **housing construction, business and government investment**

Exports grew to **\$223 billion in 2020-21** totalling more than half of national exports

Economic Growth during COVID-19
Quarterly State Final Demand

Quarter	WA	NSW	QLD	SA	VIC	TAS	NT
Dec 2019	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Jun 2020	-5%	-8%	-10%	-12%	-15%	-18%	-20%
Dec 2020	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%
June 2021	4.3%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%	5.5%	6.0%

At a glance

The WA domestic economy grew by 4.3% in 2020-21 – the strongest of all States for the second year in a row, placing WA as one of the top performing economies in the world.

- WA's efforts to crush the virus quickly has worked, with WA having amongst the lowest COVID-19 cases and death rates in the world. This has also allowed us to keep our economy more open and underpinned strong consumer and business confidence.
- The Western Australian economy has not only outperformed nationally, it has also been one of the strongest in the world.
- WA's domestic economy has grown by 5.7% since the start of the pandemic, the strongest of the States and almost double the growth of the rest of the nation.
- WA was the only State to record growth in its domestic economy in 2019-20 and 2020-21.
- Treasury estimate Gross State Product (which includes net exports) grew by 3.25% in 2020-21, with growth expected to accelerate to 3.5% in 2021-22 – which would be the fastest rate since 2013-14.
- Growth is expected to be fuelled by strong growth in housing construction, business and government investment.
- WA has had the strongest household spending throughout the pandemic, with fast rebounds in activity following the short and sharp lockdowns.
- The continued operation of WA's mining sector has provided valuable support not just to the State economy, but also the nation, delivering billions in additional royalty revenue to the Commonwealth.
- WA's exports grew to a record \$223 billion in 2020-21, accounting for more than half of national exports.
- The resilience of the economy combined with financial discipline implemented prior to COVID-19 have ensured the State has the fiscal capacity to continue growing strongly into the future.

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Employment & WA Jobs



Labour Market
Monthly data

■ Employment level
— Unemployment rate



Despite the biggest economic shock in decades, **more Western Australians now have a job than ever before**

WA's unemployment rate fell to just 4.6% in July 2021

WA also has the lowest underemployment rate of any State, and the lowest since 2014

WA State Budget 2021-22

WA Jobs Plan



Delivering on our commitments to create and support jobs in areas including agriculture, the arts, manufacturing and new and emerging industries

New \$750 million Climate Action Fund

Delivering METRONET - with 15 projects now completed, planned, in procurement or under construction

WA State Budget 2021-22

Easing Workforce Pressures



Taking swift action to progress ideas from the 2021 Skills Summit

Creating additional apprenticeships and continuing our strong investment in training initiatives

Helping to find workers with in-demand skills and attract them to WA - with targeted advertising and incentives



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Health, mental health and COVID-19 response

Access the Fact Sheet to discover the investment in our hospitals, health and mental health services.

WA State Budget 2021-22

Major boost to Health and Hospitals

- \$1.8 billion** set aside to build the new Women and Babies Hospital
- \$1.3 billion** towards improving **health infrastructure**, major hospital redevelopments and expansions underway across metropolitan and regional WA
- Targeted **\$100 million Emergency Department Support Package**

The McGowan Labor Government continues to make significant investments in hospitals, health and mental health services with a new \$1.9 billion boost in the 2021-22 State Budget to help address the unprecedented demand on WA's health and mental health system. The funding boost means more services, more beds and more staff across WA hospitals, health and mental health services.

At a glance

- \$3.1 billion allocation to expand our health system, with \$1.3 billion towards improving health infrastructure, major hospital redevelopments and expansions underway across metropolitan and regional WA.
- \$960 million increase to the WA Health budget to deliver more services.
- \$487 million for COVID-19 response and preparedness, including hotel quarantine and vaccination.
- \$495 million record boost to the Mental Health Commission for mental health investments.
- \$311 million increase for contemporary community accommodation and supports.
- 99 additional staff positions for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.
- Additional investment in mental health, alcohol and other drug services.
- Budget to deliver on commitments to improve mental health services in regional WA.
- 332 new hospital beds opening and supported by 100 new doctors and 500 new nurses.
- \$100 million emergency department support package which includes a multi-pronged health workforce attraction and retention strategy.
- Significant investment to recruit more doctors and nurses and a new recruitment drive.
- \$1.8 billion set aside to build the new Women and Babies Hospital.

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Record boost to Mental Health

Record **\$495 million** boost to the **Mental Health Commission**, resulting in more than **\$1.114 billion** allocated in 2021-22

Includes **\$129.9 million** towards **youth mental health** services and initiatives

Strengthening mental health initiatives in **regional WA**



Boosting hospital beds and staffing

332 additional beds across the health and mental health system

Upgrades, as part of the \$1.3 billion health infrastructure investment, will add a **further 314 hospital beds**

Approximately **100 new doctors** and **500 new nurses** working on WA hospital wards



Redeveloping & expanding our hospitals

\$1.8 billion set aside to build the new **Women and Babies Hospital** at the QEII medical precinct

\$82.3 million redevelopment of **Geraldton Health Campus**

\$152 million redevelopment and expansion of inpatient, mental health and outpatient facilities at **Peel Health Campus**





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Stronger, safer communities

Access the Fact Sheet to discover the investment to build strong, safe and fair communities.



WA State Budget 2021-22

Delivering a record **social housing investment**

- \$875 million** committed to social housing, taking the total investment in this Budget to **\$2.1 billion**
- Funding around **3,300** new **social housing properties**
- \$38.5 million** for expanded capacity at two **Common Ground** facilities

At a glance

The McGowan Labor Government's 2021-22 State Budget continues to build strong, safe and fair communities.

Significant investments in community safety, including more police officers, record funding for social housing and homelessness measures, and justice services will enhance community safety and resilience.

We will continue to protect vulnerable children, families and individuals through our community services investments and funding for more initiatives to prevent family and domestic violence.

The 2021-22 State Budget includes:

- \$1.78 billion investment in the WA Police Force;
- \$875 million committed to social housing, taking the total investment in this Budget to \$2.1 billion;
- \$281.8 million to boost frontline emergency services and help Western Australians recover from major disasters;
- \$45.5 million for family and domestic violence prevention and support measures;
- \$37.2 million to expand the Homestretch pilot into a permanent state-wide program;
- \$12 million for the Safety and Security Rebate for WA Seniors Card members; and
- \$6.2 million investment to increase support payments for Grandcarers.

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2021-22


Building Stronger, Safer Communities

\$1.78 billion investment in the WA Police Force

\$83.6 million to refurbish and expand police stations

\$9.3 million to detect drivers impaired by alcohol and drugs



 WA State Budget
2021-22

Boosting frontline emergency services

\$281.8 million to boost **frontline emergency services** and help Western Australians recover from major disasters

\$27.5 million to purchase another **new helicopter** for WA Police

\$17.8 million to employ an additional **36 career firefighters** in Albany, Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Geraldton





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State of the finances

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State of the Finances

- Strong surplus** recorded in 2020-21
- Net debt** expected to continue to decline
- Record **\$30.7 billion infrastructure program**

At a glance

- The 2021-22 Budget uses the State's strong financial position to tackle the challenges we face today and invest in our future.
- The McGowan Government has made the responsible decisions to place our finances on a solid footing. Our financial position has been bolstered by our strong economy, which has boosted revenue across a range of sources.
- A record \$5.6 billion operating surplus was recorded last year (2020-21), with an estimated \$2.8 billion surplus expected in 2021-22 and surpluses in each of the outyears.
- Net debt expected to decline for a third straight year to \$32.1 billion by 30 June 2022, more than \$11 billion lower than the \$43.7 billion projected under the former Liberal-National Government.
- Record \$30.7 billion infrastructure investment providing job certainty and supporting WA businesses.
- \$4.4 billion set aside for future infrastructure including the Women and Babies Hospital, a new desalination plant, and funding for softwood plantations.
- \$2.7 billion to implement the Government's 2021 election commitments.
- Additional \$1.9 billion investment in the State's health and mental health systems.
- Almost \$9 billion committed to COVID response and preparedness, including \$1 billion added in this Budget.

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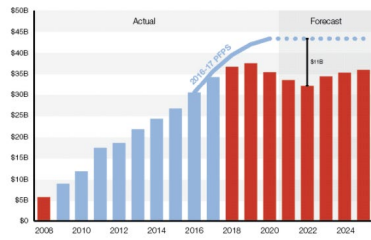
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Net Debt

Total Public Sector



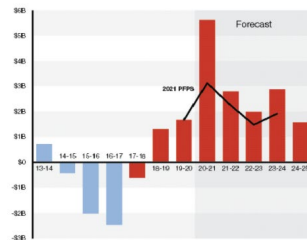
Net debt set to decline for a third straight year

Net debt to revenue ratio set to be the **lowest of any State from 2023-24**



Net Operating Balance

General Government Sector



Strong surplus recorded in 2020-21 of \$5.6 billion

\$2.8 billion surplus expected for 2021-22

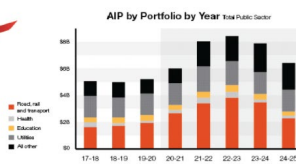
Further surpluses forecast across the next four years



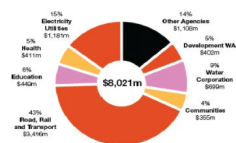
Investing in Infrastructure & Assets

Record infrastructure investment of \$30.7 billion over four years

\$9.1 billion investment in regional WA



2021-22 Asset Investment Program





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Where the money comes from and goes

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WA State Budget 2021-22

Where the money comes from & where it goes

Strong revenue of \$38.3 billion expected in 2021-22, supported by WA's strong economy

Expenses forecast to total \$35.5 billion

Strong operating surpluses allocated to key services, projects and initiatives, including new boosts for health and mental health, social housing and climate action

At a glance

- The State Budget confirms that the Western Australian economy is one of the strongest in the nation and the world during the pandemic.
- WA's recovery from the initial impacts of COVID-19 has been quicker and stronger than expected.
- Our strong economy, combined with efforts to keep the mining sector operating safely throughout the pandemic, has significantly boosted the State's fiscal capacity.
- This capacity is being used to address the challenges we face today, including the response to COVID-19, easing pressures in our health system and protecting our most vulnerable.
- The Budget invests in projects and initiatives that will set up WA's long-term future, with significant funding committed to address climate change, save our forests, grow new industries, build METRONET, build Westport and create quality local jobs.
- Following a record general government operating surplus estimated at \$5.6 billion for last year (2020-21). A \$2.8 billion operating surplus is forecast this year (2021-22) with surpluses expected across the outyears.
- Surpluses are not 'left-over' cash. They are used to fund the State's record \$30.7 billion investment in infrastructure, in roads and rail, new hospitals and expansions, schools and much more. Funding infrastructure through operating surpluses reduces the need to fund projects through debt.
- The outlook for net debt has improved considerably since the Pre-election Financial Projections Statement (PFPS). For the third year in a row, net debt is forecast to decline in 2021-22 to \$32.1 billion - more than \$11 billion lower than the \$43.7 billion projected under the last Liberal-National Government.

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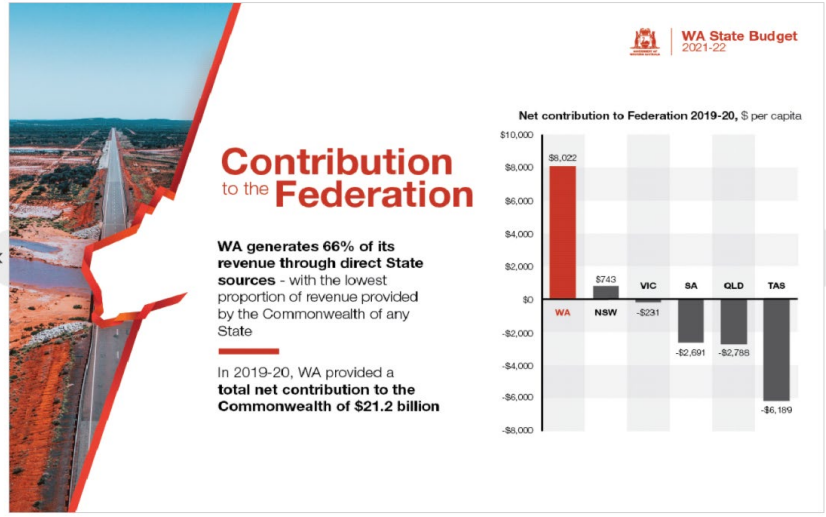
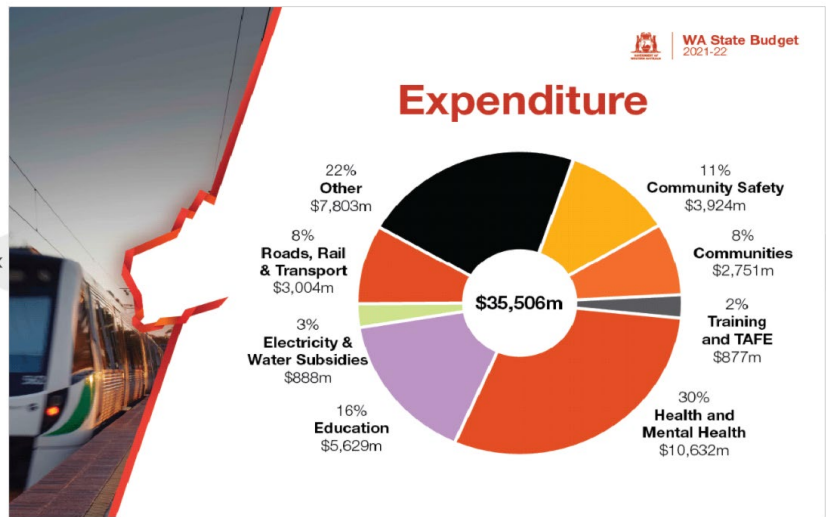
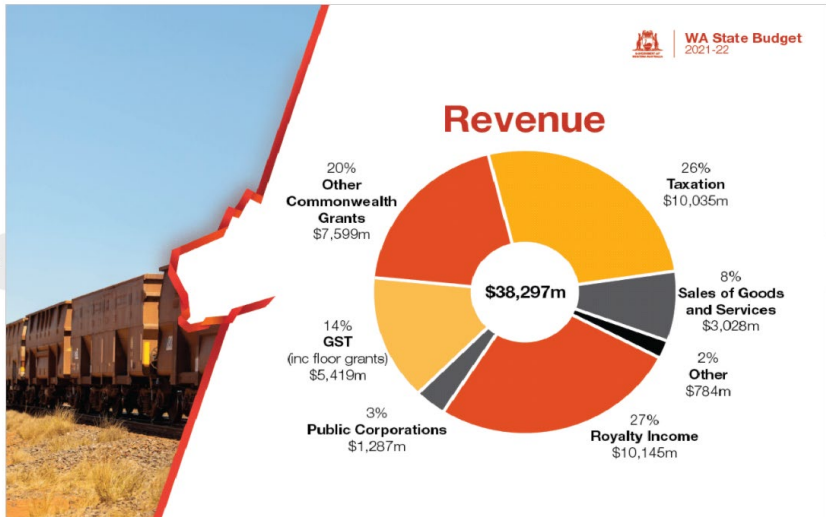
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Investing in education and training

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The McGowan Labor Government is committed to ensuring Western Australian public schools offer students the best possible opportunities to learn.

We continue to invest in high-quality infrastructure and facilities at public schools, while also ensuring there is support for students' well-being.

This year, we are committing to provide further support for students with disability, while also increasing the capacity of schools across the State to meet future demand.

We are focused on building strong, safe and fair school communities – and this comprehensive investment is making sure we put young Western Australians on the best possible path to a quality education.

Education at a glance

The McGowan Labor Government is increasing funding for WA education in the 2021-22 State Budget - delivering \$6 billion for Western Australian schools. This includes new schools and facilities, support for student mental health and well-being, and additional funding for students with disability and those who speak English as an additional language.

Responsible Budget management gives the McGowan Government the capacity to invest in vital services like education. In this year's State Budget, WA students will benefit from:

- \$449.5 million for new and improved school facilities in 2021-22;
- \$104 million to support students' mental health and well-being over the next four years;
- An additional \$170.1 million over the next four years to provide support for growth in numbers of students with disability;
- \$162.1 million increase in recurrent education budget this financial year; and
- \$18.3 million to ensure schools can continue an enhanced cleaning program for the rest of the school year in line with current COVID-19 health advice.

Investing in TAFE and training

The McGowan Labor Government came to office with a clear commitment to make training affordable and accessible for Western Australians.

We set about restoring and revitalising a neglected TAFE sector and since 2017 we have slashed fees, introduced free courses and invested in the biggest TAFE infrastructure program in WA history.

This has delivered strong results, with enrolments increasing significantly, putting more Western Australians on the pathway to quality local jobs.

Training at a glance

The 2021-22 State Budget ensures continued support for the training and skilling of Western Australians, providing access to quality jobs.

The McGowan Government's investment will deliver on election commitments to ensure TAFE and training continues to be more affordable and accessible, enabling local people to find work in local jobs throughout the State.

\$121.4 million in training initiatives in the 2021-22 State Budget include:

- \$29.8 million boost to provide 8,000 extra VET places for Year 11 and 12 students in schools;
- \$19.2 million VET career taster program for year 9 students;
- \$32.4 million to get 300 new building and construction apprentices and trainees working on State Government projects;
- \$25 million for state-of-the-art TAFE equipment;
- \$9.9 million to support TAFE college lecturer industry placements; and
- \$5.2 million to get 200 additional Western Australian apprentices above the age of 21 into quality training.

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Investing in TAFE & Training

- \$32.4 million** to get **300 new building and construction apprentices and trainees** working on State Government projects
- \$29.8 million** boost to provide **8,000 extra VET places** for Year 11 and 12 students in schools
- \$25 million** for state-of-the-art **TAFE equipment**



WA State Budget
2021-22

Supporting students in STEM

- \$87.6 million** for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics facilities upgrades
- \$18.2 million** primary school science program which benefits more than 400 WA public schools



WA State Budget
2021-22

Powering our schools

Establishing a **\$40 million Schools Clean Energy Technology Fund** to help reduce energy costs in public schools and lower carbon emissions, including:

- \$4.8 million** for the continuation of the pilot of **Virtual Power Plant battery systems** at schools
- \$4.6 million** to fund the extension of the **Solar Schools Program** to increase Kimberley and Pilbara schools' access to solar panels



WA State Budget
2021-22

Building our schools

- \$449.5 million** for **new and improved school facilities** in 2021-22
- \$32.3 million** for new classroom blocks and STEM facilities at **Duncraig Senior High School**
- \$23 million** to commence the staged redevelopment of **John Curtin College of the Arts** including STEM



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Building METRONET and our transport future

Access the Fact Sheet to discover how this Budget is delivering a record investment in major transport projects.

Building and delivering
METRONET

- \$353.5 million for the Forrestfield-Airport Link**
- \$15.5 million for the Denny Avenue level crossing removal**
- \$14.5 million for the Mandurah Station Multi-Storey Car Park**
- \$38 million to deliver a 700 bay multi-storey car park at Greenwood Station**

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering a record investment in major transport projects across Western Australia, creating local jobs, providing opportunities for local businesses and keeping our economy strong.

From the Yancheep Rail Extension in our northern suburbs, to the new Mandurah Estuary Bridge in our southern suburbs, the McGowan Government is delivering new road, rail and cycling projects to ease congestion and slash travel times – meaning less time stuck in traffic and more time with family and friends.

At a glance

Responsible Budget management gives the McGowan Government strong capacity to invest in vital services like transport and in this year's State Budget Western Australians will benefit from:

- \$5.7 billion allocated over the next four years towards 15 METRONET projects, with \$1.5 billion to be spent on the transformational program in 2021-22.
- \$11.7 billion allocated to road projects and road upgrades over the next four years.
- Includes \$4.5 billion for transport initiatives in regional Western Australia, and
- \$265 million has been allocated to cycling and pedestrian initiatives over the next four years.

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WA State Budget
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Busting congestion and boosting WA jobs

- \$852 million for the Bunbury Outer Ring Road
- \$232 million for the Mitchell Freeway Extension (Hester Ave to Romeo Road)
- \$110 million for the duplication of the Mandurah Estuary Bridge



WA State Budget
2021-22

Investing in road safety

- \$217 million through the jointly-funded Regional Road Safety Program to seal shoulders and install audible edge lining over 3,000 kilometres of roads
- A record \$265 million has been allocated over the next four years to upgrade cycling and pedestrian infrastructure throughout WA



WA State Budget
2021-22

Ports powering the economy

- Almost \$490 million allocated to Westport over the next four years
- More than \$500 million allocated to major upgrades and projects at WA ports



Climate action

Access the Fact Sheet to discover the clean, green energy initiatives to ensure the State has a secure and reliable energy supply into the future.

WA State Budget 2021-22

Taking action on climate & protecting our environment

- \$750 million Climate Action Fund** to address the threat of climate change and create sustainable jobs
- \$100 million** for an **Investment Attraction and New Industries Fund**
- \$30.9 million** towards the **Plan for Our Parks**

Continuing important initiatives, including the fast-tracked Plan for Plastics and the Aboriginal Ranger Program

At a glance

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to clean, green energy initiatives to ensure the State has a secure and reliable energy supply into the future.

By working with all sectors of the economy to achieve net zero by 2050, we will create low-carbon jobs and develop new industries. We are investing in innovative energy solutions that can be rolled out immediately, and funding future low-carbon energy projects that will support local jobs.

The 2021-22 State Budget funds a suite of measures to shape climate-resilient communities and help Western Australia forge ahead towards a prosperous low-carbon future.

- \$750 million Climate Action Fund to deliver initiatives designed to address the threat of climate change and help industry flourish to create sustainable jobs.
- \$61.5 million boost for WA's renewable hydrogen initiatives.
- \$100 million for an Investment Attraction and New Industries Fund.
- \$30.9 million towards the Plan for Our Parks, in addition to the existing \$54.9 million investment.
- \$18.5 million, over five years, to fight erosion and protect WA's coastline.
- \$14.2 million investment to deliver the Australian-first Distributed Energy Resources Roadmap – rooftop solar, household and community batteries, and electric vehicles in WA's main electricity grid.
- \$954,000 for the Western Australian Advocacy for Consumers of Energy Program to support energy consumers and build capacity in the non-government sector.

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Ending logging of our **native forests**

Record \$350 million to expand WA's softwood plantation estate

\$50 million Just Transition Plan to support affected workers and communities

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 WA State Budget
2021-22

Climate Action Fund

Investing \$750 million towards sustainable jobs, industries and innovation

\$206 million for **renewable energy initiatives**

\$118 million to **create climate-resilient communities**

Funding for **renewable hydrogen initiatives, carbon innovation grants and to fight coastal erosion**

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