



Keeping Collie-Preston Strong

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering on its plan to keep Collie-Preston strong, with the State Budget investing billions to create quality local jobs, fund a pipeline of infrastructure works and deliver key services like health and education.

The 2021-22 State Budget includes a record \$9.1 billion investment in regional infrastructure with only 9 per cent of this funded through Royalties for Regions.

\$2 billion is being invested into electricity and water subsidies to ensure regional residents pay the same price or similar for these essential services and \$463 million for regional school bus services.

\$4.2 billion has been allocated to Royalties for Regions over next four years. On top of this we are investing billions into health, education, police and other key services in regional WA.

We're delivering our Plan for Collie-Preston to keep the regional economy growing, while delivering on our election commitments for the local community.

The 2021-22 State Budget is working to deliver a strong and vibrant region, with quality local services that give people every reason to live, work and raise a family in the Collie-Preston region.

Strong investment in job creating projects

- An additional \$20 million for the Collie Industry Attraction and Development Fund, bringing the total to \$80 million, to attract new large industry, and build on the success of Collie's economic diversification
- An additional \$2 million into the development of the South West Advanced Manufacturing and Technology Hub in the Bunbury Geographe region – on top of the \$485,000 already funded for a feasibility study into the concept
- \$100 million Investment Attraction and New Industries Fund
- \$120 million for more than 150 frontline officers to speed up project approvals
- \$15 million for the Agriculture Climate Resilience Fund
- \$15.1 million to strengthen WA's biosecurity capabilities
- \$3 million towards the Wine Industry Export Growth Partnership
- Continuing to deliver the successful \$40 million Regional Economic Development grants program, that since 2018 has invested over \$2.4 million in 33 projects in the South West, helping create over 556 local jobs
- \$12.1 million towards regional Aboriginal Tourism initiatives
- \$45 million to expand the Aboriginal Rangers Program
- \$12.9 million boost to regional arts programs

Revitalising WA's TAFE sector and addressing skills needs

- Continuing the Lower Fees, Local Skills program, which has seen an increase of 20% in enrolments in the South West

- \$25 million to WA TAFEs for new state-of-the-art equipment
 - \$29.8 million to provide 8,000 additional VET places in schools across WA, this is on top of an additional 1,350 VET places introduced in 2021
 - \$19.2 million VET career taster program for year 9 students
 - \$37 million towards the Employer Incentive Scheme in regional WA
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Delivering high quality healthcare for all Western Australians, regardless of where they live

- \$1.9 billion additional investment in health and mental health across WA
 - More doctors and nurses in regional WA
 - Delivering the \$200.1 million Bunbury Hospital redevelopment
 - \$19.7 million to PATS to expand the eligibility of patient support escorts to include more patients from vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, as well as maternity patients and increase accommodation subsidies from \$60 to \$100 per night
 - \$10.9 million to the Royal Flying Doctor Service to upgrade aircraft
 - \$17.6 million towards social and emotional well-being services for Aboriginal people in the regions
 - \$9.2 million to extend Strong Spirit Strong Mind
 - The South West will share in \$2 million to support the work of regional renal support teams
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Investing in a quality education for young people in Collie-Preston

- \$7 million for a new design and technology block at Eaton Community College
 - \$1 million for upgrades at Donnybrook District High School
 - Investment into science resources for schools across the State
 - \$104 million across WA to support student mental health and well-being including additional school psychologists
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Delivering record investment in regional roads

- \$4.5 billion for major, job-creating road projects and safety programs across regional WA
 - Continuing to deliver the \$852 million Bunbury Outer Ring Road
 - Over \$59 million through the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade more than 680 kilometres of South West roads with road safety treatments
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Keeping the community active, healthy and connected

- \$400,000 for the replacement of four light poles and new LED lighting at the Collie Recreation Ground
- \$3 million to expand the Leschenault Leisure Centre in Australind
- \$315 million over four years towards the South West Native Title Settlement
- \$10 million to the new Club Night Lights program for floodlighting on community facilities
- \$12 million for the Seniors Safety and Security Rebate