



Keeping the Pilbara Strong

The McGowan Labor Government is delivering on its plan to keep the Pilbara 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 the Pilbara 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 Pilbara.

Strong investment in job creating projects

- \$363.9 million for Pilbara Ports' asset investment program, including works and revetment upgrades at the Port of Port Hedland and the construction of infrastructure at the Port of Ashburton, to support the development of multi-user facilities
- This also includes the \$121.4 million Spoilbank Marina, that is currently under construction
- \$16 million to improve visitor facilities at key recreation sites within the Karijini National Park
- \$5 million for improvements to visitor facilities at Conzinc Bay in Murujuga National Park
- \$12.1 million towards regional Aboriginal Tourism initiatives
- \$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
- \$4.4 million for the Northern Native Seed Development initiative
- \$45 million to expand the Aboriginal Rangers Program
- \$12.9 million boost to regional arts programs
- Continuing to deliver the successful \$40 million Regional Economic Development grants program, that since 2018 has invested over \$2.3 million in 28 projects in the Pilbara, helping create over 325 local jobs

Revitalising WA's TAFE sector and addressing skills needs

- Continuing the Lower Fees, Local Skills program, which has seen an increase of 31% in enrolments in the Pilbara in 2021

- Continuing upgrades at North Regional TAFE including the \$6.5 million expansion at Minurmarghali Mia (Roebourne) TAFE campus and \$27 million trades expansion at Pundulmurra (South Hedland) TAFE campus
- \$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

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
- \$14.8 million for a new Step Up, Step Down community mental health facility in South Hedland
- \$785,000 for a 12-month Women and Newborn Health Service pilot program delivered by Karratha's Women's Place Inc
- \$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
- An additional 2.5 paid paramedics in Karratha and 3 in Newman

Investing in a quality education for young people in the Pilbara

- \$5.5 million for a new classroom block at Baynton West Primary School in Karratha
 - \$3.5 million expansion of Baler Primary School in South Hedland
 - \$4.5 million for a new classroom block at Cassia Primary School in South Hedland
 - \$1 million to upgrade air conditioning and refurbish the music hall at Dampier Primary School
 - \$750,000 for upgrades at Tambrey Primary School in Karratha
 - \$700,000 to transform a classroom into a STEM classroom at Newman Senior High School
 - \$876,000 Solar Schools initiative that includes the installation of solar panels on 10 schools across the Pilbara
 - Investment in science resources for primary school students across the Pilbara, including remote community schools
 - An additional \$1 million will be invested in the successful Better Beginnings program over five years, expanding the State Library's award-winning initiative to the Pilbara, including remote communities
 - \$104 million across WA to support student mental health and well-being including additional school psychologists and expand Alternative Learning Setting programs
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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
 - Delivering the \$380 million Manuwarra Red Dog Highway Stage 4
 - \$120 million to upgrade and seal 100km of Marble Bar Road
 - \$36 million for the Port Hedland Airport deviation
 - Over \$49 million through the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade more than 720 kilometres of Pilbara roads with road safety treatments
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Keeping the community active, healthy and connected

- \$19.8 million Regional Airfare Zone Cap to make airfares more affordable for regional residents
- Additional \$17 million to regional youth justice services in the Kimberley and Pilbara
- \$10 million towards the Port Hedland Sporting and Community Hub
- \$14 million to continue the Aboriginal Community Connectors program, including in Hedland and Roebourne
- \$10 million to the new Club Night Lights program for floodlighting on community facilities
- \$12 million for the Seniors Safety and Security Rebates