



## Delivering for the Great Southern

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## Creating local jobs and economic diversification in our regions

- \$80 million boost to the Investment Attraction Fund, increasing the Fund to \$180 million to support industry-led diversification proposals to create local jobs in new and emerging industries
- \$50 million increase to the Industrial Land Development Fund, increasing the Fund to \$100 million to unlock private sector investment and spark new growth opportunities in our economy
- \$48.6 million to establish the WA Regional Digital Connectivity Program to improve mobile and internet coverage in regional areas across the State
- \$4.2 million for research and development at Katanning Research Station into carbon sequestration and reducing emissions from livestock
- \$25 million for the Western Australian Agricultural Collaboration to grow agriculture research and development in WA
- \$4.6 million for maintenance works on the Tree Top Walk in Walpole
- \$21.1 million boost to Tourism WA's destination marketing to implement a major marketing campaign to encourage tourists to come to WA and travel across the State
- \$17.7 million to Tourism WA to develop new tourism experiences in WA's national parks
- Bringing regional road maintenance jobs in-house to Main Roads, with 490 jobs based in regional WA, including upgrading the Albany depot
- \$12 million for the WA-Array seismic survey, providing valuable insight into Western Australia's mineral deposits
- \$14.6 million to establish an Aboriginal Empowerment Unit within the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to ensure resources projects deliver improved outcomes for Aboriginal people

- \$6 million to Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia to pursue strategic research opportunities, including critical minerals and clean energy technologies
- \$4.5 million boost to the Local Capability Fund to assist small and medium local businesses to increase their capability and competitiveness

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## Skilling-up our regional communities

- \$113.1 million of fee reductions will be achieved in regional WA through the successful *Lower fees, local skills* initiatives, which slashes TAFE fees by up to 72 per cent across 210 high priority courses
- \$2.4 million to attract international students to live, work and study in regional WA, targeting skills shortage areas including aged care, disability, childcare, hospitality and tourism
- \$4.5 million for a new tool rebate to support building and construction apprentices and trainees in their purchase of trade-related tools and safety equipment
- \$5.1 million for a wage-gap program to support the new apprenticeship pathway for the civil construction sector and boost civil construction skills

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## Responding to COVID-19 and delivering quality healthcare in our regions

- \$13 million to build and operate a new Albany General Dental Clinic
- \$30.1 million for 18 additional paramedics and six ambulances across regional WA
- \$11 million to ensure there is a nurse 24/7 at Emergency Departments across regional WA
- \$18.5 million to expand Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across regional WA
- \$39.6 million for COVID-19 Home Monitoring Program telehealth services
- \$10.5 million to provide video and telecommunication mental health support to children and families in the transition phase between services
- \$5.1 million to continue the Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service to ensure regional residents can access mental health services
- \$6.1 million funding boost to the Preventing Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) project

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## Investing in our local schools

- \$31.9 million additional funding for the Education Adjustment Allocation to support more students with additional learning needs in developing their literacy and numeracy skills
- \$2.5 million for a new Year 1 phonics initiative, to support and develop students essential phonics skills and knowledge they need to learn to read
- \$33.8 million for maintenance upgrades to improve public schools across the State
- \$4.6 million to implement the Students with Disabilities and Complex Behaviour Framework to support WA schools to meet the needs of these students
- \$42.5 million to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic including enhanced cleaning programs in public schools, and maintaining mask and personal protective equipment supplies and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) distribution for all schools

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## Transforming our regional road and transport networks

- \$36 million towards the Secondary Freight Roads in the Great Southern and Mid West regions
- Delivering the \$175 million Albany Ring Road, currently under construction
- An additional \$159 million to the Regional Road Safety Program, bringing the total cost of the program to \$828 million. This program has already delivered upgraded shoulders and installed audible edges to more than 367 kilometres of Great Southern roads
- \$146 million for the Safer Roads and Bridges Program in regional WA
- \$200 million for the Resealing Program in regional WA
- From 1 July 2022, regional airfares will be capped at \$199 one way for regional residents living within 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel between Perth and Albany
- \$59.3 million for the Clean Energy Car Fund to accelerate the use of zero and low emission vehicles, with programs including:
  - \$36.5 million to provide rebates of \$3,500 to Western Australians that buy a new, light, battery electric vehicles or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles up to a value of \$70,000
  - \$10 million to support not-for-profits and small and medium-sized businesses with grants of up to 50 per cent of installing charging infrastructure
  - \$5 million to support local governments to install charging infrastructure by providing grants of up to 50 per cent of the installation cost
- \$1.5 million to introduce the Regional Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Service Grant Scheme to expand taxi services to people of all abilities in regional WA

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## Delivering stronger and safer regional communities

- \$11 million to secure WA's first Large Air Tanker to be based in Western Australia during bushfire season, every year from December to March
- \$15.9 million upgrade to the Emergency WA website to ensure critical information in emergency situations is more easily accessible
- \$3.1 million for the Bushfire Framework Review
- \$99.4 million to spot purchase and build new Government Regional Officer Housing across regional WA
- Additional \$2 million to Community Resource Centres to help provide important services to regional communities
- \$2.5 million towards Operation Regional Shield to tackle youth crime in regional WA



## Delivering for the Gascoyne

The McGowan Labor Government is setting the Gascoyne up for the long-term - diversifying the economy and creating jobs, boosting regional health and mental health investment by a record amount, and providing important cost of living relief for local households.

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### Creating local jobs and economic diversification in our regions

- \$19.3 million to support preparations in Exmouth for the Total Solar Eclipse event in 2023, including:
  - \$8.2 million in road infrastructure upgrades and traffic management
  - \$5.4 million to increase the region's telecommunications infrastructure
  - \$5 million towards event management including \$470,000 for upgrades at Exmouth Town Beach
  - \$1.1 million for event and waste management costs
- \$21.1 million boost to Tourism WA's destination marketing to implement a major marketing campaign to encourage tourists to come to WA and travel across the State
- \$17.7 million to Tourism WA to develop new tourism experiences in WA's national parks
- \$80 million boost to the Investment Attraction Fund, increasing the Fund to \$180 million to support industry-led diversification proposals to create local jobs in new and emerging industries
- \$50 million increase to the Industrial Land Development Fund, increasing the Fund to \$100 million to unlock private sector investment and spark new growth opportunities in our economy
- \$48.6 million to establish the WA Regional Digital Connectivity Program to improve mobile and internet coverage in regional areas across the State
- \$25 million for the Western Australian Agricultural Collaboration to grow agriculture research and development in WA
- Bringing regional road maintenance jobs in-house to Main Roads, with 490 jobs based in regional WA, including upgrading the Carnarvon depot
- \$12 million for the WA-Array seismic survey, providing valuable insight into Western Australia's mineral deposits

- \$14.6 million to establish an Aboriginal Empowerment Unit within the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to ensure resources projects deliver improved outcomes for Aboriginal people
- \$6 million to Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia to pursue strategic research opportunities, including critical minerals and clean energy technologies
- \$5 million to the Centre for Decommissioning Australia to support the development of an LNG decommissioning industry in Western Australia
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## Skilling-up our regional communities

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## Responding to COVID-19 and delivering quality healthcare in our regions

- \$30.1 million for 18 additional paramedics and six ambulances across regional WA
- \$18.5 million to expand Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across regional WA
- \$39.6 million for COVID-19 Home Monitoring Program telehealth services
- \$10.5 million to provide video and telecommunication mental health support to children and families in the transition phase between services
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## Investing in our local schools

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- \$2.5 million for a new Year 1 phonics initiative, to support and develop students essential phonics skills and knowledge they need to learn to read
- \$33.8 million for maintenance upgrades to improve public schools across the State
- \$4.6 million to implement the Students with Disabilities and Complex Behaviour Framework to support WA schools to meet the needs of these students
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## Transforming our regional road and transport networks

- An additional \$159 million to the Regional Road Safety Program, bringing the total cost of the program to \$828 million. This program has already delivered upgraded shoulders and installed audible edges to more than 576 kilometres of Gascoyne and Mid West roads
- \$146 million for the Safer Roads and Bridges Program in regional WA
- \$200 million for the Resealing Program in regional WA
- From 1 July 2022, regional airfares will be capped at \$199 one way for regional residents living within 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Monkey Mia and Carnarvon, and \$299 for residents living over 1,000 kms, including travel between Perth and Exmouth
- \$59.3 million for the Clean Energy Car Fund to accelerate the use of zero and low emission vehicles, with programs including:
  - \$36.5 million to provide rebates of \$3,500 to Western Australians that buy a new, light, battery electric vehicles or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles up to a value of \$70,000
  - \$10 million to support not-for-profits and small and medium-sized businesses with grants of up to 50 per cent of installing charging infrastructure
  - \$5 million to support local governments to install charging infrastructure by providing grants of up to 50 per cent of the installation cost
- \$1.5 million to introduce the Regional Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Service Grant Scheme to expand taxi services to people of all abilities in regional WA

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## Delivering stronger and safer regional communities

- \$350 million Remote Communities Fund to support improved water, electricity and municipal services and housing in remote Aboriginal communities
- \$99.4 million to spot purchase and build new Government Regional Officer Housing across regional WA
- \$2.5 million towards Operation Regional Shield to tackle youth crime in regional WA
- \$11.1 million to expand the Target 120 program into an additional nine locations, including Carnarvon
- \$15.9 million upgrade to the Emergency WA website to ensure critical information in emergency situations is more easily accessible
- \$3.1 million for the Bushfire Framework Review
- \$2 million to expand the Solar Incentive Scheme including to health services in Aboriginal communities in the Gascoyne
- \$2 million boost to Community Resource Centres to help provide important services to regional communities



## Delivering for Goldfields-Esperance

The McGowan Labor Government is setting the Goldfields-Esperance region up for the long-term - diversifying the economy and creating jobs, boosting regional health and mental health investment by a record amount, and providing important cost of living relief for local households.

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### Creating local jobs and economic diversification in our regions

- \$80 million boost to the Investment Attraction Fund, increasing the Fund to \$180 million to support industry-led diversification proposals to create local jobs in new and emerging industries
- \$50 million increase to the Industrial Land Development Fund, increasing the Fund to \$100 million to unlock private sector investment and spark new growth opportunities in our economy
- \$11 million to facilitate the development of industrial lands in Lot 350 in Kalgoorlie
- \$48.6 million to establish the WA Regional Digital Connectivity Program to improve mobile and internet coverage in regional areas across the State
- \$12 million for the WA-Array seismic survey, providing valuable insight into Western Australia's mineral deposits
- \$14.6 million to establish an Aboriginal Empowerment Unit within the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to ensure resources projects deliver improved outcomes for Aboriginal people
- \$6 million to Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia to pursue strategic research opportunities, including critical minerals and clean energy technologies
- \$4.5 million boost to the Local Capability Fund to assist small and medium local businesses to increase their capability and competitiveness
- \$25 million for the Western Australian Agricultural Collaboration to grow agriculture research and development in WA
- \$19.9 million to implement joint-management arrangements for the Matuwa Kurrara Kurrara National Park and Lake Carnegie Nature Reserve, and improvements to the Lorna Glen homestead
- \$21.1 million boost to Tourism WA's destination marketing to implement a major marketing campaign to encourage tourists to come to WA and travel across the State

- \$17.7 million to Tourism WA to develop new tourism experiences in WA's national parks
- Bringing regional road maintenance jobs in-house to Main Roads, with 490 jobs based in regional WA, including establishing a new depot in Esperance and upgrading the Kalgoorlie-Boulder depot
- \$3.9 million to Esperance Port for the installation of a flush tank and filtration system on Berth 2

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## Skilling-up our regional communities

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- \$2.4 million to attract international students to live, work and study in regional WA, targeting skills shortage areas including aged care, disability, childcare, hospitality and tourism
- \$4.5 million for a new tool rebate to support building and construction apprentices and trainees in their purchase of trade-related tools and safety equipment
- \$5.1 million for a wage-gap program to support the new apprenticeship pathway for the civil construction sector and boost civil construction skills

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## Responding to COVID-19 and delivering quality healthcare in our regions

- \$30.1 million for 18 additional paramedics and six ambulances across regional WA
- \$11 million to ensure there is a nurse 24/7 at Emergency Departments across regional WA
- \$18.5 million to expand Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across regional WA
- \$39.6 million for COVID-19 Home Monitoring Program telehealth services
- \$10.5 million to provide video and telecommunication mental health support to children and families in the transition phase between services
- \$5.1 million to continue the Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service to ensure regional residents can access mental health services
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## Transforming our regional road and transport networks

- \$500 million to fully seal the remaining lengths of Outback Way, providing a third sealed route across Australia
- An additional \$159 million to the Regional Road Safety Program, bringing the total cost of the program to \$828 million. This program has already delivered upgraded shoulders and installed audible edges to more than 1,495 kilometres of roads in the Goldfields-Esperance region
- \$146 million for the Safer Roads and Bridges Program in regional WA
- \$200 million for the Resealing Program in regional WA
- From 1 July 2022, regional airfares will be capped at \$199 one way for regional residents living within 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Kalgoorlie, Leonora, Laverton, Wiluna and Esperance
- \$59.3 million for the Clean Energy Car Fund to accelerate the use of zero and low emission vehicles, with programs including:
  - \$36.5 million to provide rebates of \$3,500 to Western Australians that buy a new, light, battery electric vehicles or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles up to a value of \$70,000
  - \$10 million to support not-for-profits and small and medium-sized businesses with grants of up to 50 per cent of installing charging infrastructure
  - \$5 million to support local governments to install charging infrastructure by providing grants of up to 50 per cent of the installation cost
  - More than \$2.9 million for eight new fast charging stations across four locations on a section of the National Highway One between Norseman and Eucla to ensure WA's fast charging network extends to South Australia
- \$1.5 million to introduce the Regional Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Service Grant Scheme to expand taxi services to people of all abilities in regional WA

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## Delivering stronger and safer regional communities

- \$350 million Remote Communities Fund to support improved water, electricity and municipal services and housing in remote Aboriginal communities
- \$2.5 million towards Operation Regional Shield to tackle youth crime in regional WA
- \$19.1 million for the development of new residential land in two regional locations including new residential lots in Kalgoorlie's Greenview Estate
- \$99.4 million to spot purchase and build new Government Regional Officer Housing across regional WA
- \$10.5 million to transition Esperance residents and businesses from reticulated gas to new energy solutions, in advance of the closure of the area's privately-owned gas network
- \$11 million to secure WA's first Large Air Tanker to be based in Western Australia during bushfire season, every year from December to March
- \$15.9 million upgrade to the Emergency WA website to ensure critical information in emergency situations is more easily accessible
- \$3.1 million for the Bushfire Framework Review
- \$6 million to operate and maintain three pools in Ngaanyatjaraku Lands remote communities
- Additional \$2 million to Community Resource Centres to help provide important services to regional communities



## Delivering for the Kimberley

The McGowan Labor Government is setting the Kimberley up for the long-term - diversifying the economy and creating jobs, boosting regional health and mental health investment by a record amount, and providing important cost of living relief for local households.

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## Creating local jobs and economic diversification in our regions

- \$52 million into a dedicated Marine Services Hub at the Port of Broome to establish Broome as a service and logistics centre
- \$80 million boost to the Investment Attraction Fund, increasing the Fund to \$180 million to support industry-led diversification proposals to create local jobs in new and emerging industries
- \$50 million increase to the Industrial Land Development Fund, increasing the Fund to \$100 million to unlock private sector investment and spark new growth opportunities in our economy
- \$48.6 million to establish the WA Regional Digital Connectivity Program to improve mobile and internet coverage in regional areas across the State
- \$21.1 million boost to Tourism WA's destination marketing to implement a major marketing campaign to encourage tourists to come to WA and travel across the State
- \$17.7 million to Tourism WA to develop new tourism experiences in WA's national parks
- Bringing regional road maintenance jobs in-house to Main Roads, with 490 jobs based in regional WA, including establishing a new depot in Broome and upgrading the Derby and Kununurra depots
- \$12 million for the WA-Array seismic survey, providing valuable insight into Western Australia's mineral deposits
- \$14.6 million to establish an Aboriginal Empowerment Unit within the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to ensure resources projects deliver improved outcomes for Aboriginal people
- \$6 million to Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia to pursue strategic research opportunities, including critical minerals and clean energy technologies
- \$5 million to the Centre for Decommissioning Australia to support the development of an LNG decommissioning industry in Western Australia
- \$4.5 million boost to the Local Capability Fund to assist small and medium local businesses to increase their capability and competitiveness

- \$25 million for the Western Australian Agricultural Collaboration to grow agriculture research and development in WA
- \$11.5 million to replace the Department of Fisheries Patrol Vessel Walcott that supports management of marine parks and offshore commercial fisheries off Western Australia's northern coastline

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## **Delivering stronger and safer regional communities**

- \$40.4 million Kimberley Youth and Community Justice Response package including:
  - \$15 million to deliver an on-country residential facility to provide an alternative to detention
  - \$4.3 million to expand the Target 120 program into the Kimberley, including Broome, Derby, Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing
  - \$11.7 million to extend the Kimberley Schools Project, which is working to keep young people from the region engaged in the education system
  - \$3.1 million to boost Broome night patrol and youth services and to bolster intensive support services for vulnerable families
  - \$2 million Kimberley Community Action Fund to support local projects and initiatives that engage young people at risk and support community safety
  - \$2.5 million towards Operation Regional Shield, to tackle youth crime in regional WA
  - \$1 million to develop a business case to assess the feasibility of establishing a Western Australian College of Agriculture in the Kimberley
- \$30.4 million for a new District Support Facility in Broome for WA Police
- \$1.9 million towards a new facility in Kununurra for WA Police
- \$350 million Remote Communities Fund to support improved water, electricity and municipal services and housing in remote Aboriginal communities
- \$15.8 million additional funding to upgrade water and wastewater services in Ardyaloon, Djarindjin, Lombadina and Beagle Bay
- \$99.4 million to spot purchase and build new Government Regional Officer Housing across regional WA
- \$2 million to expand the Solar Incentives Scheme, which will deliver community-owned roof-top solar to remote Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley
- \$23.9 million to expand the Earlier Intervention and Family Support Strategy to support families and help children remain safely at home with their parents, including trialing the program in Halls Creek
- \$4.5 million to help address family and domestic violence in the Kimberley by extending the Derby Family Violence Service and The Change Em Ways Kimberley Project for a further two years
- \$15.9 million upgrade to the Emergency WA website to ensure critical information in emergency situations is more easily accessible
- \$3.1 million for the Bushfire Framework Review to improve bushfire preparedness

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## **Responding to COVID-19 and delivering quality healthcare in our regions**

- Additional \$2.3 million for the Broome Step Up/Step Down unit to address construction cost pressures, bringing the total cost to \$9.4 million
- \$920,000 for the planning and design of a new renal dialysis centre in Halls Creek
- \$30.1 million for 18 additional paramedics and six ambulances across regional WA
- \$11 million to ensure there is a nurse 24/7 at Emergency Departments across regional WA

- \$18.5 million to expand Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across regional WA
- \$39.6 million for COVID-19 Home Monitoring Program telehealth services
- \$10.5 million to provide video and telecommunication mental health support to children and families in the transition phase between services
- \$5.1 million to continue the Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service to ensure regional residents can access mental health services
- \$5 million for upgrades to health staff accommodation in regional WA
- \$6.1 million funding boost to the Preventing Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) project

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## Skilling-up our regional communities

- \$113.1 million of fee reductions will be achieved in regional WA through the successful *Lower fees, local skills* initiatives, which slashes TAFE fees by up to 72 per cent across 210 high priority courses
- \$5.5 million to extend the Driving Access and Equity Program that assists young people in regional WA access a driver's licence and employment opportunities
- \$2.4 million to attract international students to live, work and study in regional WA, targeting skills shortage areas including aged care, disability, childcare, hospitality and tourism
- \$4.5 million for a new tool rebate to support building and construction apprentices and trainees in their purchase of trade-related tools and safety equipment
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- \$33.8 million for maintenance upgrades to improve public schools across the State
- \$4.6 million to implement the Students with Disabilities and Complex Behaviour Framework to support WA schools to meet the needs of these students
- \$42.5 million to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic including enhanced cleaning programs in public schools, and maintaining mask and personal protective equipment supplies and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) distribution for all schools

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## Transforming our regional road and transport networks

- \$500 million to seal Tanami Road to the WA border
- An additional \$159 million to the Regional Road Safety Program, bringing the total cost of the program to \$828 million. This program has already delivered upgraded shoulders and installed audible edges to more than 2,238 kilometres of Kimberley roads
- \$146 million for the Safer Roads and Bridges Program in regional WA
- \$200 million for the Resealing Program in regional WA
- From 1 July 2022, regional airfares will be capped at \$299 one way for regional residents living over 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Broome and Kununurra

- \$4.1 million to expand the Inter Regional Flight Network across the Mid West, Pilbara and Kimberley - with operator Aviar planning to upgrade its aircraft on the network, which will increase capacity and affordability
- \$59.3 million for the Clean Energy Car Fund to accelerate the use of zero and low emission vehicles, with programs including:
  - \$36.5 million to provide rebates of \$3,500 to Western Australians that buy a new, light, battery electric vehicles or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles up to a value of \$70,000
  - \$10 million to support not-for-profits and small and medium-sized businesses with grants of up to 50 per cent of installing charging infrastructure
  - \$5 million to support local governments to install charging infrastructure by providing grants of up to 50 per cent of the installation cost
- \$1.5 million to introduce the Regional Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Service Grant Scheme to expand taxi services to people of all abilities in regional WA



## Delivering for the Mid West

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## Creating local jobs and economic diversification in our regions

- \$332 million for a major upgrade at Geraldton Port to cater to increased demand, including a new berth with ship loading and material handling infrastructure, and a multi-user storage facility
- \$80 million boost to the Investment Attraction Fund, increasing the Fund to \$180 million to support industry-led diversification proposals to create local jobs in new and emerging industries
- \$50 million increase to the Industrial Land Development Fund, increasing the Fund to \$100 million to unlock private sector investment and spark new growth opportunities in our economy
- \$48.6 million to establish the WA Regional Digital Connectivity Program to improve mobile and internet coverage in regional areas across the State
- \$21.1 million boost to Tourism WA's destination marketing to implement a major marketing campaign to encourage tourists to come to WA and travel across the State
- \$17.7 million to Tourism WA to develop new tourism experiences in WA's national parks
- \$25 million for the Western Australian Agricultural Collaboration to grow agriculture research and development in WA
- Bringing regional road maintenance jobs in-house to Main Roads, with 490 jobs based in regional WA, including upgrading the Geraldton depot
- \$12 million for the WA-Array seismic survey, providing valuable insight into Western Australia's mineral deposits
- \$14.6 million to establish an Aboriginal Empowerment Unit within the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to ensure resources projects deliver improved outcomes for Aboriginal people
- \$6 million to Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia to pursue strategic research opportunities, including critical minerals and clean energy technologies

- \$5 million to the Centre for Decommissioning Australia to support the development of an LNG decommissioning industry in Western Australia
- \$4.5 million boost to the Local Capability Fund to assist small and medium local businesses to increase their capability and competitiveness

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## Skilling-up our regional communities

- \$1.6 million in incentives for employers and apprentices involved in rebuilding disaster-affected regions including those communities impacted by Tropical Cyclone Seroja
- \$113.1 million of fee reductions will be achieved in regional WA through the successful *Lower fees, local skills* initiatives, which slashes TAFE fees by up to 72 per cent across 210 high priority courses
- \$2.4 million to attract international students to live, work and study in regional WA, targeting skills shortage areas including aged care, disability, childcare, hospitality and tourism
- \$4.5 million for a new tool rebate to support building and construction apprentices and trainees in their purchase of trade-related tools and safety equipment
- \$5.1 million for a wage-gap program to support the new apprenticeship pathway for the civil construction sector and boost civil construction skills

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## Responding to COVID-19 and delivering quality healthcare in our regions

- Additional \$49.4 million allocated to the Geraldton Health Campus Redevelopment project, bringing the total cost of the major upgrade to the hospital to \$122.7 million
- \$30.1 million for 18 additional paramedics and six ambulances across regional WA
- \$11 million to ensure there is a nurse 24/7 at Emergency Departments across regional WA
- \$18.5 million to expand Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across regional WA
- \$39.6 million for COVID-19 Home Monitoring Program telehealth services
- \$10.5 million to provide video and telecommunication mental health support to children and families in the transition phase between services
- \$5.1 million to continue the Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service to ensure regional residents can access mental health services
- \$5 million for upgrades to health staff accommodation in regional WA
- \$6.1 million funding boost to the Preventing Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) project

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## Investing in our local schools

- \$31.9 million additional funding for the Education Adjustment Allocation to support more students with additional learning needs in developing their literacy and numeracy skills
- \$2.5 million for a new Year 1 phonics initiative, to support and develop students essential phonics skills and knowledge they need to learn to read
- \$33.8 million for maintenance upgrades to improve public schools across the State
- \$4.6 million to implement the Students with Disabilities and Complex Behaviour Framework to support WA schools to meet the needs of these students
- \$42.5 million to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic including enhanced cleaning programs in public schools, and maintaining mask and personal protective equipment supplies and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) distribution for all schools

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## Transforming our regional road and transport networks

- \$4.1 million to expand the Inter Regional Flight Network across the Mid West, Pilbara and Kimberley - including a new route between Geraldton and Karratha - with operator Aviar planning to upgrade its aircraft on the network, which will increase capacity and affordability
- \$36 million towards the Secondary Freight Roads in Mid West and Great Southern regions
- An additional \$159 million to the Regional Road Safety Program, bringing the total cost of the program to \$828 million. This program has already delivered upgraded shoulders and installed audible edges to more than 576 kilometres of roads in the Mid West and Gascoyne region
- Delivering the \$200 million Agricultural Supply Chain Improvement program including:
  - \$22 million for four rail siding extensions for CBH grain bins at Moora, Brookton, Cranbrook, and Broomehill (works underway)
  - \$46 million for seven additional grain rail siding upgrades at Avon, Kellerberrin, Dowerin, Konnongorring, Ballidu, Mingenew, and Perenjori North
  - \$60 million for Midland Line Main Line upgrading from 16 Tonne Axle Loading (TAL) to 19 TAL between Carnamah and Mingenew
  - \$72 million for the Southern Wheatbelt region towards the progressive recommissioning of the Narrogin-Kulin rail line and associated works to service grain and other potential customers in the Narrogin-Wickepin area via a Tier 3 line
- \$146 million for the Safer Roads and Bridges Program in regional WA
- \$200 million for the Resealing Program in regional WA
- From 1 July 2022, regional airfares will be capped at \$199 one way for regional residents living within 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Geraldton, Mount Magnet and Meekatharra
- \$59.3 million for the Clean Energy Car Fund to accelerate the use of zero and low emission vehicles, with programs including:
  - \$36.5 million to provide rebates of \$3,500 to Western Australians that buy a new, light, battery electric vehicles or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles up to a value of \$70,000
  - \$10 million to support not-for-profits and small and medium-sized businesses with grants of up to 50 per cent of installing charging infrastructure
  - \$5 million to support local governments to install charging infrastructure by providing grants of up to 50 per cent of the installation cost
- \$1.5 million to introduce the Regional Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Service Grant Scheme to expand taxi services to people of all abilities in regional WA

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## Delivering stronger and safer regional communities

- \$350 million Remote Communities Fund to support improved water, electricity and municipal services and housing in remote Aboriginal communities
- \$640,000 to co-design a service model for Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation services, including in Geraldton
- \$99.4 million to spot purchase and build new Government Regional Officer Housing across regional WA
- \$1.2m to complete the Northampton Lead Tailings Project and to assess two other abandoned mine sites in Northampton
- \$2.5 million towards Operation Regional Shield to tackle youth crime in regional WA
- \$4.2 million in additional funding for disaster recovery efforts, including for Tropical Cyclone Seroja
- \$15.9 million upgrade to the Emergency WA website to ensure critical information in emergency situations is more easily accessible
- Additional \$2 million to Community Resource Centres to help provide important services to regional communities





## Delivering for the Peel

The McGowan Labor Government is setting the Peel up for the long-term - diversifying the economy and creating jobs, boosting regional health and mental health investment by a record amount, and providing important cost of living relief for local households.

The McGowan Government's responsible financial management has enabled a record \$12 billion investment in regional infrastructure, with only 8 per cent funded through Royalties for Regions.

WA's strong financial position gives the State Budget the capacity to invest a record \$2.5 billion in health and mental health, ensuring all Western Australians receive quality healthcare, no matter where they live.

The McGowan Government is providing cost of living relief for households with the \$400 Household Electricity Credit and keeping household fees and charges below inflation. This is on top of the more than \$2 billion invested to ensure people in the regions pay the same for water and electricity as metropolitan users.

The \$4.2 billion Royalties for Regions program will continue to deliver key regional projects and services to regional communities.

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## Creating local jobs and economic diversification in our regions

- \$80 million boost to the Investment Attraction Fund, increasing the Fund to \$180 million to support industry-led diversification proposals to create local jobs in new and emerging industries
- \$50 million increase to the Industrial Land Development Fund, increasing the Fund to \$100 million to unlock private sector investment and spark new growth opportunities in our economy
- \$48.6 million to establish the WA Regional Digital Connectivity Program to improve mobile and internet coverage in regional areas across the State
- \$25 million for the Western Australian Agricultural Collaboration to grow agriculture research and development in WA
- \$21.1 million boost to Tourism WA's destination marketing to implement a major marketing campaign to encourage tourists to come to WA and travel across the State
- \$17.7 million to Tourism WA to develop new tourism experiences in WA's national parks
- Bringing regional road maintenance jobs in-house to Main Roads, with 490 jobs based in regional WA
- \$12 million for the WA-Array seismic survey, providing valuable insight into Western Australia's mineral deposits
- \$14.6 million to establish an Aboriginal Empowerment Unit within the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to ensure resources projects deliver improved outcomes for Aboriginal people
- \$6 million to Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia to pursue strategic research opportunities, including critical minerals and clean energy technologies
- \$4.5 million boost to the Local Capability Fund to assist small and medium local businesses to increase their capability and competitiveness

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## Skilling-up our regional communities

- \$113.1 million of fee reductions will be achieved in regional WA through the successful *Lower fees, local skills* initiatives, which slashes TAFE fees by up to 72 per cent across 210 high priority courses
- \$2.4 million to attract international students to live, work and study in regional WA, targeting skills shortage areas including aged care, disability, childcare, hospitality and tourism
- \$4.5 million for a new tool rebate to support building and construction apprentices and trainees in their purchase of trade-related tools and safety equipment
- \$5.1 million for a wage-gap program to support the new apprenticeship pathway for the civil construction sector and boost civil construction skills

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## Responding to COVID-19 and delivering quality healthcare in our regions

- \$30.1 million for 18 additional paramedics and six ambulances across regional WA
- \$18.5 million to expand Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across regional WA
- \$55.8 million for nurses to be available 24/7 at Emergency Departments across WA
- \$39.6 million for COVID-19 Home Monitoring Program telehealth services
- \$10.5 million to provide video and telecommunication mental health support to children and families in the transition phase between services
- \$5.1 million to continue the Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service to ensure regional residents can access mental health services
- \$6.1 million funding boost to the Preventing Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) project

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## Investing in our local schools

- \$31.9 million additional funding for the Education Adjustment Allocation to support more students with additional learning needs in developing their literacy and numeracy skills
- \$2.5 million for a new Year 1 phonics initiative, to support and develop students essential phonics skills and knowledge they need to learn to read
- \$33.8 million for maintenance upgrades to improve public schools across the State
- \$4.6 million to implement the Students with Disabilities and Complex Behaviour Framework to support WA schools to meet the needs of these students
- \$42.5 million to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic including enhanced cleaning programs in public schools, and maintaining mask and personal protective equipment supplies and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) distribution for all schools

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## Transforming our regional road and transport networks

- \$250 million for the Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation, allowing heavy vehicles to bypass Pinjarra
- An additional \$159 million to the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade shoulders and install audible edges on regional roads, bringing the total cost of the program to \$828 million
- \$146 million for the Safer Roads and Bridges Program in regional WA
- \$200 million for the Resealing Program in regional WA

- \$59.3 million for the Clean Energy Car Fund to accelerate the use of zero and low emission vehicles, with programs including:
  - \$36.5 million to provide rebates of \$3,500 to Western Australians that buy a new, light, battery electric vehicles or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles up to a value of \$70,000
  - \$10 million to support not-for-profits and small and medium-sized businesses with grants of up to 50 per cent of installing charging infrastructure
  - \$5 million to support local governments to install charging infrastructure by providing grants of up to 50 per cent of the installation cost
- \$1.5 million to introduce the Regional Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Service Grant Scheme to expand taxi services to people of all abilities in regional WA

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## **Delivering stronger and safer regional communities**

- \$11.1 million to expand the Target 120 program into an additional nine locations, including Mandurah
- \$11 million to secure WA's first Large Air Tanker to be based in Western Australia during bushfire season, every year from December to March
- \$15.9 million upgrade to the Emergency WA website to ensure critical information in emergency situations is more easily accessible
- \$3.1 million for the Bushfire Framework Review
- \$99.4 million to spot purchase and build new Government Regional Officer Housing across regional WA
- Additional \$2 million to Community Resource Centres to help provide important services to regional communities



## Delivering for the Pilbara

The McGowan Labor Government is setting the Pilbara up for the long-term - diversifying the economy and creating jobs, boosting regional health and mental health investment by a record amount, and providing important cost of living relief for local households.

The McGowan Government's responsible financial management has enabled a record \$12 billion investment in regional infrastructure, with only 8 per cent funded through Royalties for Regions.

WA's strong financial position gives the State Budget the capacity to invest a record \$2.5 billion in health and mental health, ensuring all Western Australians receive quality healthcare, no matter where they live.

The McGowan Government is providing cost of living relief for households with the \$400 Household Electricity Credit and keeping household fees and charges below inflation. This is on top of the more than \$2 billion invested to ensure people in the regions pay the same for water and electricity as metropolitan users.

The \$4.2 billion Royalties for Regions program will continue to deliver key regional projects and services to regional communities.

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## Creating local jobs and economic diversification in our regions

- \$78.1 million to construct supporting infrastructure at Lumsden Point to facilitate the future development of additional general cargo facilities and a logistics hub at Port Hedland
- \$15 million to undertake dredging to facilitate additional capacity at the Port of Port Hedland
- \$80 million boost to the Investment Attraction Fund, increasing the Fund to \$180 million to support industry-led diversification proposals to create local jobs in new and emerging industries
- \$50 million increase to the Industrial Land Development Fund, increasing the Fund to \$100 million to unlock private sector investment and spark new growth opportunities in our economy
- \$12 million for the WA-Array seismic survey, providing valuable insight into Western Australia's mineral deposits
- \$14.6 million to establish an Aboriginal Empowerment Unit within the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to ensure resources projects deliver improved outcomes for Aboriginal people
- \$6 million to Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia to pursue strategic research opportunities, including critical minerals and clean energy technologies
- \$48.6 million to establish the WA Regional Digital Connectivity Program to improve mobile and internet coverage in regional areas across the State
- \$9.3 million for an access bridge at Murujuga National Park, plus a further \$1.6 million for the Murujuga Rock Art Strategy including two Aboriginal Rangers
- \$21.1 million boost to Tourism WA's destination marketing to implement a major marketing campaign to encourage tourists to come to WA and travel across the State
- \$17.7 million to Tourism WA to develop new tourism experiences in WA's national parks
- Bringing regional road maintenance jobs in-house to Main Roads, with 490 jobs based in regional WA, including establishing a new depot in Karratha and upgrading the Hedland depot

- \$11.5 million to replace the Department of Fisheries Patrol Vessel Walcott that supports management of marine parks and offshore commercial fisheries off Western Australia's northern coastline
- \$25 million for the Western Australian Agricultural Collaboration to grow agriculture research and development in WA
- \$5 million to the Centre for Decommissioning Australia to support the development of an LNG decommissioning industry in Western Australia
- \$4.5 million boost to the Local Capability Fund to assist small and medium local businesses to increase their capability and competitiveness

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## Skilling-up our regional communities

- \$113.1 million of fee reductions will be achieved in regional WA through the successful *Lower fees, local skills* initiatives, which slashes TAFE fees by up to 72 per cent across 210 high priority courses
- \$5.5 million to extend the Driving Access and Equity Program that assists young people in regional WA access a driver's licence and employment opportunities
- \$2.4 million to attract international students to live, work and study in regional WA, targeting skills shortage areas including aged care, disability, childcare, hospitality and tourism
- \$4.5 million for a new tool rebate to support building and construction apprentices and trainees in their purchase of trade-related tools and safety equipment
- \$5.1 million for a wage-gap program to support the new apprenticeship pathway for the civil construction sector and boost civil construction skills

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## Responding to COVID-19 and delivering quality healthcare in our regions

- \$10 million to deliver specialist paediatric, cancer, haematology, stroke and neurology services at the Karratha Health Campus and surrounding sites
- Additional \$1.6 million for the Karratha Step Up/Step Down service to address construction cost pressures, bringing the total cost to \$8.8 million
- \$30.1 million for 18 additional paramedics and six ambulances across regional WA
- \$11 million to ensure there is a nurse 24/7 at Emergency Departments across regional WA
- \$18.5 million to expand Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across regional WA
- \$39.6 million for COVID-19 Home Monitoring Program telehealth services
- \$10.5 million to provide video and telecommunication mental health support to children and families in the transition phase between services
- \$5.1 million to continue the Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service to ensure regional residents can access mental health services
- \$6.1 million funding boost to the Preventing Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) project

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## Investing in our local schools

- \$31.9 million additional funding for the Education Adjustment Allocation to support more students with additional learning needs in developing their literacy and numeracy skills
- \$2.5 million for a new Year 1 phonics initiative, to support and develop students essential phonics skills and knowledge they need to learn to read
- \$33.8 million for maintenance upgrades to improve public schools across the State
- \$4.6 million to implement the Students with Disabilities and Complex Behaviour Framework to support WA schools to meet the needs of these students

- \$42.5 million to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic including enhanced cleaning programs in public schools, and maintaining mask and personal protective equipment supplies and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) distribution for all schools

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## **Transforming our regional road and transport networks**

- \$50 million for more overtaking lanes on the Great Northern Highway between Newman and Port Hedland
- \$40 million of additional funding for the \$76 million Port Hedland Airport deviation project
- Delivering the \$120 million Marble Bar Road upgrades, currently under construction
- An additional \$159 million to the Regional Road Safety Program, bringing the total cost of the program to \$828 million. This program has already delivered upgraded shoulders and installed audible edges to more than 752 kilometres of Pilbara roads
- \$146 million for the Safer Roads and Bridges Program in regional WA
- \$200 million for the Resealing Program in regional WA
- \$4.1 million to expand the Inter Regional Flight Network across the Mid West, Pilbara and Kimberley - including a new route between Geraldton and Karratha - with operator Aviar planning to upgrade its aircraft on the network, which will increase capacity and affordability
- From 1 July 2022, regional airfares will be capped at \$299 one way for regional residents living over 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Karratha, Port Hedland, Newman and Paraburdoo
- \$59.3 million for the Clean Energy Car Fund to accelerate the use of zero and low emission vehicles, with programs including:
  - \$36.5 million to provide rebates of \$3,500 to Western Australians that buy a new, light, battery electric vehicles or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles up to a value of \$70,000
  - \$10 million to support not-for-profits and small and medium-sized businesses with grants of up to 50 per cent of installing charging infrastructure
  - \$5 million to support local governments to install charging infrastructure by providing grants of up to 50 per cent of the installation cost
- \$1.5 million to introduce the Regional Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Service Grant Scheme to expand taxi services to people of all abilities in regional WA

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## **Delivering stronger and safer regional communities**

- \$350 million Remote Communities Fund to support improved water, electricity and municipal services and housing in remote Aboriginal communities
- \$2.5 million to expand the Target 120 program to Karratha and Newman
- \$2.5 million towards Operation Regional Shield to tackle youth crime in regional WA
- An increase to Keystart's property price limit in the Pilbara from \$650,000 to \$750,000 to assist households in gaining access to finance
- \$99.4 million to spot purchase and build new Government Regional Officer Housing across regional WA
- \$19.1 million for the development of new residential land in two regional locations including new residential lots in Karratha's Madigan Estate
- Additional \$5.5 million for the Port Hedland Voluntary Buy-back scheme
- \$15.9 million upgrade to the Emergency WA website to ensure critical information in emergency situations is more easily accessible
- \$3.1 million for the Bushfire Framework Review
- \$2 million to expand the Solar Incentive Scheme including to health services in Aboriginal communities in the Pilbara
- Additional \$2 million to Community Resource Centres to help provide important services to regional communities



## Delivering for the South West

The McGowan Labor Government is setting the South West up for the long-term - diversifying the economy and creating jobs, boosting regional health and mental health investment by a record amount, and providing important cost of living relief for local households.

The McGowan Government's responsible financial management has enabled a record \$12 billion investment in regional infrastructure, with only 8 per cent funded through Royalties for Regions.

WA's strong financial position gives the State Budget the capacity to invest a record \$2.5 billion in health and mental health, ensuring all Western Australians receive quality healthcare, no matter where they live.

The McGowan Government is providing cost of living relief for households with the \$400 Household Electricity Credit and keeping household fees and charges below inflation. This is on top of the more than \$2 billion invested to ensure people in the regions pay the same for water and electricity as metropolitan users.

The \$4.2 billion Royalties for Regions program will continue to deliver key regional projects and services to regional communities.

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## Creating local jobs and economic diversification in our regions

- Additional \$30 million for the Native Forestry Just Transition Plan to support workers, businesses and communities to transition from native timber, bringing the total support to \$80 million
- \$80 million boost to the Investment Attraction Fund, increasing the Fund to \$180 million to support industry-led diversification proposals to create local jobs in new and emerging industries
- \$50 million increase to the Industrial Land Development Fund, increasing the Fund to \$100 million to unlock private sector investment and spark new growth opportunities in our economy
- \$48.6 million to establish the WA Regional Digital Connectivity Program to improve mobile and internet coverage in regional areas across the State
- \$8.2 million towards infrastructure and management at Kalgulup Regional Park
- \$10 million for a new traffic and pedestrian bridge at Collie's world-famous Wellington Dam, to keep pace with growing visitor numbers
- \$3 million towards the replacement of the Australind Jetty
- \$4.6 million for maintenance works on the Tree Top Walk in Walpole
- \$21.1 million boost to Tourism WA's destination marketing to implement a major marketing campaign to encourage tourists to come to WA and travel across the State
- \$17.7 million to Tourism WA to develop new tourism experiences in WA's national parks
- \$25 million for the Western Australian Agricultural Collaboration to grow agriculture research and development in WA
- Bringing regional road maintenance jobs in-house to Main Roads, with 490 jobs based in regional WA, including establishing a Manjimup depot and upgrading the Bunbury depot
- \$6.8 million to Bunbury Port for enhanced pilotage services and a fire protection system

- \$12 million for the WA-Array seismic survey, providing valuable insight into Western Australia's mineral deposits
- \$14.6 million to establish an Aboriginal Empowerment Unit within the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to ensure resources projects deliver improved outcomes for Aboriginal people
- \$6 million to Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia to pursue strategic research opportunities, including critical minerals and clean energy technologies
- \$4.5 million boost to the Local Capability Fund to assist small and medium local businesses to increase their capability and competitiveness

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## Skilling-up our regional communities

- \$4.9 million to expand the Jobs and Skills Centre in Collie
- \$113.1 million of fee reductions will be achieved in regional WA through the successful *Lower fees, local skills* initiatives, which slashes TAFE fees by up to 72 per cent across 210 high priority courses
- \$2.4 million to attract international students to live, work and study in regional WA, targeting skills shortage areas including aged care, disability, childcare, hospitality and tourism
- \$4.5 million for a new tool rebate to support building and construction apprentices and trainees in their purchase of trade-related tools and safety equipment
- \$5.1 million for a wage-gap program to support the new apprenticeship pathway for the civil construction sector and boost civil construction skills

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## Responding to COVID-19 and delivering quality healthcare in our regions

- \$30.1 million for 18 additional paramedics and six ambulances across regional WA
- \$11 million to ensure there is a nurse 24/7 at Emergency Departments across regional WA
- \$18.5 million to expand Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across regional WA
- \$39.6 million for COVID-19 Home Monitoring Program telehealth services
- \$10.5 million to provide video and telecommunication mental health support to children and families in the transition phase between services
- \$5.1 million to continue the Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service to ensure regional residents can access mental health services
- \$5 million for upgrades to health staff accommodation in regional WA
- \$6.1 million funding boost to the Preventing Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) project

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## Investing in our local schools

- \$31.9 million additional funding for the Education Adjustment Allocation to support more students with additional learning needs in developing their literacy and numeracy skills
- \$2.5 million for a new Year 1 phonics initiative, to support and develop students essential phonics skills and knowledge they need to learn to read
- \$33.8 million for maintenance upgrades to improve public schools across the State
- \$4.6 million to implement the Students with Disabilities and Complex Behaviour Framework to support WA schools to meet the needs of these students
- \$42.5 million to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic including enhanced cleaning programs in public schools, and maintaining mask and personal protective equipment supplies and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) distribution for all schools



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## Transforming our regional road and transport networks

- \$400 million of additional funding for the \$1.25 billion Bunbury Outer Ring Road, currently under construction
- Delivering the \$85 million Bussell Highway Duplication, currently under construction
- \$20 million for a new intersection and road connection at Forrest Highway and Vittoria Road in Picton
- \$146 million for the Safer Roads and Bridges Program in regional WA
- \$200 million for the Resealing Program in regional WA
- An additional \$159 million to the Regional Road Safety Program, bringing the total cost of the program to \$828 million. This program has already delivered upgraded shoulders and installed audible edges to more than 890 kilometres of South West roads
- \$59.3 million for the Clean Energy Car Fund to accelerate the use of zero and low emission vehicles, with programs including:
  - \$36.5 million to provide rebates of \$3,500 to Western Australians that buy a new, light, battery electric vehicles or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles up to a value of \$70,000
  - \$10 million to support not-for-profits and small and medium-sized businesses with grants of up to 50 per cent of installing charging infrastructure
  - \$5 million to support local governments to install charging infrastructure by providing grants of up to 50 per cent of the installation cost
- \$1.5 million to introduce the Regional Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Service Grant Scheme to expand taxi services to people of all abilities in regional WA

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## Delivering stronger and safer regional communities

- \$99.4 million to spot purchase and build new Government Regional Officer Housing across regional WA
- \$11 million to secure WA's first Large Air Tanker to be based in Western Australia during bushfire season, every year from December to March
- \$15.9 million upgrade to the Emergency WA website to ensure critical information in emergency situations is more easily accessible
- \$3.1 million for the Bushfire Framework Review
- \$23.9 million to expand the Earlier Intervention and Family Support Strategy to support families and help children remain safely at home with their parents, including trialing the program in the South West
- \$2.5 million towards Operation Regional Shield to tackle youth crime in regional WA
- \$4.2 million to continue delivering the ServiceWA Centre in Bunbury, providing a one-stop shop to access State Government services
- Additional \$2 million to Community Resource Centres to help provide important services to regional communities



## Delivering for the Wheatbelt

The McGowan Labor Government is setting the Wheatbelt up for the long-term - diversifying the economy and creating jobs, boosting regional health and mental health investment by a record amount, and providing important cost of living relief for local households.

The McGowan Government's responsible financial management has enabled a record \$12 billion investment in regional infrastructure, with only 8 per cent funded through Royalties for Regions.

WA's strong financial position gives the State Budget the capacity to invest a record \$2.5 billion in health and mental health, ensuring all Western Australians receive quality healthcare, no matter where they live.

The McGowan Government is providing cost of living relief for households with the \$400 Household Electricity Credit and keeping household fees and charges below projected inflation. This is on top of the more than \$2 billion invested to ensure people in the regions pay the same for water and electricity as metropolitan users.

The more than \$4.2 billion Royalties for Regions program will continue to deliver key regional projects and services to regional communities.

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## Creating local jobs and economic diversification in our regions

- \$80 million boost to the Investment Attraction Fund, increasing the Fund to \$180 million to support industry-led diversification proposals to create local jobs in new and emerging industries
- \$50 million increase to the Industrial Land Development Fund, increasing the Fund to \$100 million to unlock private sector investment and spark new growth opportunities in our economy
- \$48.6 million to establish the WA Regional Digital Connectivity Program to improve mobile and internet coverage in regional areas across the State
- \$25 million for the Western Australian Agricultural Collaboration to grow agriculture research and development in WA
- \$21.1 million boost to Tourism WA's destination marketing to implement a major marketing campaign to encourage tourists to come to WA and travel across the State
- \$17.7 million to Tourism WA to develop new tourism experiences in WA's national parks
- Bringing regional road maintenance jobs in-house to Main Roads, with 490 jobs based in regional WA, including upgrading the Northam and Narrogin depots
- \$12 million for the WA-Array seismic survey, providing valuable insight into Western Australia's mineral deposits
- \$14.6 million to establish an Aboriginal Empowerment Unit within the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to ensure resources projects deliver improved outcomes for Aboriginal people
- \$6 million to Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia to pursue strategic research opportunities, including critical minerals and clean energy technologies
- \$4.5 million boost to the Local Capability Fund to assist small and medium local businesses to increase their capability and competitiveness

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## Skilling-up our regional communities

- \$1.6 million in incentives for employers and apprentices involved in rebuilding disaster-affected regions including those communities impacted by Tropical Cyclone Seroja
- \$113.1 million of fee reductions will be achieved in regional WA through the successful *Lower fees, local skills* initiatives, which slashes TAFE fees by up to 72 per cent across 210 high priority courses
- \$2.4 million to attract international students to live, work and study in regional WA, targeting skills shortage areas including aged care, disability, childcare, hospitality and tourism
- \$4.5 million for a new tool rebate to support building and construction apprentices and trainees in their purchase of trade-related tools and safety equipment
- \$5.1 million for a wage-gap program to support the new apprenticeship pathway for the civil construction sector and boost civil construction skills

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## Responding to COVID-19 and delivering quality healthcare in our regions

- \$30.1 million for 18 additional paramedics and six ambulances across regional WA
- \$18.5 million to expand Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across regional WA
- \$39.6 million for COVID-19 Home Monitoring Program telehealth services
- \$10.5 million to provide video and telecommunication mental health support to children and families in the transition phase between services
- \$5.1 million to continue the Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service to ensure regional residents can access mental health services
- \$5 million for upgrades to health staff accommodation in regional WA
- \$6.1 million funding boost to the Preventing Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) project

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## Investing in our local schools

- \$31.9 million additional funding for the Education Adjustment Allocation to support more students with additional learning needs in developing their literacy and numeracy skills
- \$2.5 million for a new Year 1 phonics initiative, to support and develop students essential phonics skills and knowledge they need to learn to read
- \$33.8 million for maintenance upgrades to improve public schools across the State
- \$4.6 million to implement the Students with Disabilities and Complex Behaviour Framework to support WA schools to meet the needs of these students
- \$42.5 million to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic including enhanced cleaning programs in public schools, and maintaining mask and personal protective equipment supplies and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) distribution for all schools

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## Transforming our regional road and transport networks

- \$10 million for Chidlow-York Road and Forrest Street intersection upgrades
- \$120 million for Moorine Rock to Mount Holland road upgrades to support the Covalent lithium mine
- Delivering the \$250 million Great Eastern Highway upgrades at Coates Gully between Walgoolan to Southern Cross and between Ghooli to Benari, currently under construction

- An additional \$159 million to the Regional Road Safety Program, bringing the total cost of the program to \$828 million. This program has already delivered upgraded shoulders and installed audible edges to more than 996 kilometres of Wheatbelt roads
- Delivering the \$200 million Agricultural Supply Chain Improvement program including:
  - \$22 million for four rail siding extensions for CBH grain bins at Moora, Brookton, Cranbrook, and Broomehill (works underway)
  - \$46 million for seven additional grain rail siding upgrades at Avon, Kellerberrin, Dowerin, Konnongorring, Ballidu, Mingenew, and Perenjori North
  - \$60 million for Midland Line Main Line upgrading from 16 Tonne Axle Loading (TAL) to 19 TAL between Carnamah and Mingenew
  - \$72 million for the Southern Wheatbelt region towards the progressive recommissioning of the Narrogin-Kulin rail line and associated works to service grain and other potential customers in the Narrogin-Wickepin area via a Tier 3 line
- \$146 million for the Safer Roads and Bridges Program in regional WA
- \$200 million for the Resealing Program in regional WA
- \$59.3 million for the Clean Energy Car Fund to accelerate the use of zero and low emission vehicles, with programs including:
  - \$36.5 million to provide rebates of \$3,500 to Western Australians that buy a new, light, battery electric vehicles or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles up to a value of \$70,000
  - \$10 million to support not-for-profits and small and medium-sized businesses with grants of up to 50 per cent of installing charging infrastructure
  - \$5 million to support local governments to install charging infrastructure by providing grants of up to 50 per cent of the installation cost
- \$1.5 million to introduce the Regional Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Taxi Service Grant Scheme to expand taxi services to people of all abilities in regional WA

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## **Delivering stronger and safer regional communities**

- \$11 million to secure WA's first Large Air Tanker to be based in Western Australia during bushfire season, every year from December to March
- \$15.9 million upgrade to the Emergency WA website to ensure critical information in emergency situations is more easily accessible
- \$3.1 million for the Bushfire Framework Review
- \$4.2 million in additional funding for disaster recovery efforts, including for Tropical Cyclone Seroja
- \$99.4 million to spot purchase and build new Government Regional Officer Housing across regional WA
- \$1.2 million to complete the Northampton lead tailings project and assess contamination and safety at two other abandoned mine sites
- Additional \$2 million to Community Resource Centres to help provide important services to regional communities
- \$2.5 million towards Operation Regional Shield to tackle youth crime in regional WA