



# Delivering for the Peel Region



The McGowan Government is delivering for the Peel region, providing cost-of-living support for Peel residents while investing significantly in health, housing, and WA's transition to cleaner, stronger, reliable, and affordable energy.

The 2023-24 Budget features a massive \$11.2 billion investment in regional infrastructure, as well as billions more in regional service delivery.

The State Budget includes \$4 billion in Royalties for Regions expenditure over the next four years, supporting important initiatives right across the regions. This includes new spending of \$358 million towards initiatives that strengthen regional communities and ensure services remain close to where people live.

Regional Western Australians will benefit from the McGowan Government's \$715 million commitment to deliver further cost-of-living relief, including **providing every WA household with a \$400 electricity credit** and additional targeted support totalling \$826 for households who need it most.

As part of its commitment to keeping power and water affordable for all Western Australians, the McGowan Government will spend \$2.7 billion over the next four years to subsidise the costs of providing water and electricity to regional residents.

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## Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

- More than \$2.2 billion per annum on regional health and mental health services
- \$28.5 million for initiatives to attract and retain key health and mental health professionals, primarily to work in regional WA, including paying of up to \$12,000 of HECS-HELP loans for newly qualified nurses and midwives commencing employment in regional WA

### Plus we are continuing to deliver...

- \$152 million redevelopment and expansion of the Peel Health Campus, and bring it into public hands

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## Delivering Regional Housing

- \$450 million into the Social Housing Investment Fund to boost social housing across the State
- \$12 million over four years to deliver more development ready land throughout regional Western Australia, through the Regional Development Assistance Program

### Plus we are continuing to deliver...

- \$28.1 million for an expanded Common Ground facility to accommodate and support vulnerable people in Mandurah, planning underway

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## Delivering a cleaner, stronger future for the Peel

- \$2.8 billion investment to transition Western Australia's energy system for a low-carbon future
- \$18.8 million to continue the Healthy Estuaries WA program to improve water quality of estuaries across the region

- \$36 million to create dozens of new jobs to help deliver on the historic decision to end native logging
- \$77 million funding boost to manage and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage in Western Australia, including support for new Local Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services
- \$22.2 million to assist industry transition to the mandatory sheep and goat eID system to bolster WA's animal biosecurity defences
- \$20.2 million to extend vital drought resilience initiatives helping future-proof Western Australian farms
- \$10.4 million to boost Western Australia's emergency animal disease preparedness following overseas outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease and Lumpy Skin Disease
- \$7.6 million towards the Feral Cat Strategy to bolster the management of feral cats throughout regional WA
- \$2.4 million to complete the Waroona Town Centre Revitalisation project
- \$6.5 million to implement the Western Australian Aquaculture Development Plan
- \$2 million from the New Industries Fund to support regional entrepreneurs in the innovation sector
- \$20 million to continue the Regional Economic Development Grants program, to drive economic development and support regional communities

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## **Delivering a Pipeline of Skills**

- \$2.5 million to increase the travel and accommodation allowance for WA apprentices and trainees who are required to travel long distances off-the-job for their training, doubling the travel subsidy to 40c per km and increasing the accommodation allowance from \$70 to \$100 per night
- \$2.9 million to provide eligible regional Diploma of Nursing students with financial support to undertake up to 400 hours of practical placement, including an allowance of \$350 per week
- \$6.8 million for upgrades at Agricultural Colleges around the State, including Pinjarra and Coodanup

### **Plus we are continuing to deliver...**

- \$1.5 million for a new STEM classroom at Halls Head College, planning underway
- \$11.2 million for a new performing arts centre and sports hall at Pinjarra Senior High School, currently under construction, plus \$1.5 million for a new STEM classroom

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## **Upgrading roads and transport networks**

- A further \$407 million on regional road projects and initiatives being invested in this budget, bringing the total investment over the next four years to \$5.3 billion
- \$175 million boost to the jointly Commonwealth-State funded Regional Road Safety Program, to continue to deliver life-saving works on regional roads

### **Plus we are continuing to deliver...**

- \$72 million for the new Lakelands METRONET station, due to open in June
- \$250 million for the Pinjarra heavy haulage deviation, planning currently underway
- \$110 million to duplicate Mandurah Estuary bridge, planning currently underway

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## **Building Stronger, Safer Communities**

- \$11.7 million to extend Operation Regional Shield, continuing to deliver police into regional communities experiencing youth crime issues
- \$11.7 million to continue the successful Target 120 youth early intervention program, including in Mandurah

- \$24.4 million to bolster the Department of Fire and Emergency Services natural disaster recovery team
- \$1.1 million to continue the Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program and the provision of culturally appropriate services for victims of Family and Domestic Violence in regional areas
- \$4.9 million to continue the Regional Athlete Support Program to help regionally-based talented athletes meet their full potential
- \$700,000 to continue the Rural, Regional and Remote Network program to support regional women

**Plus we are continuing to deliver...**

- \$20 million towards the Keirnan Park Recreation Precinct development, planning underway