

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to Regional WA, and is getting on with the job of delivering on its commitments to the Pilbara.

The State Budget includes \$4.0 billion in Royalties for Regions expenditure across the state. In the Pilbara alone, the Government will invest over \$1 billion over the next four years on critical infrastructure projects.



CREATING LOCAL JOBS

Diversify our economy and creating local jobs in the Pilbara.

- \$112m for the Port Hedland Water Front Revitalisation, mostly funded from Royalties for Regions.
- \$27.9m boost to tourism funding to showcase our regional destinations.
- \$40m investment in regional telecommunications to improve access to services.
- \$4.5m dedicated for regional new and emerging businesses as part of the New Industries Fund.
- \$20m over five years to establish the Aboriginal Rangers Program.



SAFER COUNTRY ROADS

Delivering our commitment to create safer country roads.

- \$50m in funding to seal the Karratha to Tom Price Road.
- \$18.5m for the Regional Enforcement Unit to increase traffic enforcement on country roads.



PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

Delivering quality health care to the people of the Pilbara.

- \$12.3m to establish a Step Up Step Down mental health facility in Karratha.
- \$65.2m for the North West Health Initiative.
- \$144.7m to complete the Karratha Health Campus.
- \$18.9m for the Northwest drug and alcohol support program.
- Getting on with delivering WA's first Medihotel to make extended hospital stays more comfortable for patients from the Pilbara who are required to travel to Perth for treatment.
- Investing \$1.6m to expand the Find Cancer Early Program into more regional areas.
- \$1.9m to fund meet and greet services for people from remote communities travelling for treatment.
- \$5.1m to expand the renal dialysis program.
- \$147.4m for the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme to support regional people when they are required to travel for treatment.



INVESTING IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Investing in our schools, so every student receives a quality education.

- Put Education Assistants back into the classroom and provide more support for teachers.
- Employ an additional 50 Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers in regional WA.
- Appoint Independent Learning Coordinators (ILCs) in 10 regional schools including Hedland and Karratha to assist students undertaking courses through the School of Isolated and Distance Education.
- Establish a regional Learning Specialist team in the curriculum areas of science, social science, mathematics and English to support students and ILCs.
- Roll out the science program in regional primary schools.



SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Investing in services to support the Pilbara community.

- \$14.6m Natural Resource Management Program to work with local communities to protect the environment.
- \$136m for the country aged pension fuel card and \$4m for the volunteer fuel card.

DELIVERING ON OUR COMMITMENTS

The McGowan Labor Government is committed to all of our election commitments in the Regions. Planning has commenced for a number of projects not included as part of the 2017/18 Budget. Funding for these projects will be announced in subsequent budgets including the provision for renal dialysis at Newman Hospital.