

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

The State Budget includes \$4.0 billion in Royalties for Regions expenditure across the state and in the Wheatbelt alone, the Government will spend \$224m over the next four years on critical infrastructure projects.



CREATING LOCAL JOBS

Diversify our economy and creating local jobs in the Wheatbelt.

- \$4.5m dedicated for regional new and emerging businesses as part of the New Industries Fund.
- \$30m to rebuild WA's core agricultural and grain research and development capability.
- \$27.9m boost to tourism funding to showcase our regional destinations.
- \$40m investment in regional telecommunications to improve access to services.
- \$20m over five year to establish the Aboriginal Ranger Program, to provide jobs looking after WA State Parks and Indigenous Protected Areas.



PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

Delivering quality health care to the people of the Wheatbelt.

- Getting on with delivering WA's first Medihotel to make extended hospital stays more comfortable for patients from the Wheatbelt 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.

- Roll out the science program in regional primary schools.
- 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 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.



SAFER COUNTRY ROADS

Delivering our commitment to create safer country roads.

- \$18.5m for the Regional Enforcement Unit to increase traffic enforcement on country roads.
- \$10m for upgrades to AgLime routes.



SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Investing in services to support the Wheatbelt community.

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