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I am proud to present to you WA Labor’s Plan for the Peel region. It’s a plan that focuses on the things that really matter to local families – jobs, health and education.

Over the past eight years, I’ve travelled all over Western Australia and met thousands of people. I’m always struck by the kindness and generosity of the people of this great State.

I live in Rockingham with my wife and three children. I know about the challenges facing hardworking, everyday families. WA Labor has always been a friend of the Peel region - we delivered the Perth to Mandurah rail.

David Templeman has been an outstanding local MP. Since 2001, he’s been fighting for his community and has been a strong voice in the Parliament.

David has made it clear that jobs and unemployment are big issues in the Peel region. Our Plan will create jobs and opportunities for locals. We’ll make sure local businesses and workers get a bigger share of work on big government projects.

Our $10 million investment in the Eastern Foreshore Redevelopment to develop an iconic Mandurah foreshore precinct, supporting tourism and local jobs. It’s an exciting project.

The $20 million commitment for a multistorey car park at Mandurah train station will encourage more people to use public transport and create local jobs.

Our Plan also includes important commitments in health and mental health. We’ll contribute $4.99million towards the development of the Peel Youth Medical Service Health Hub to provide much needed care and support for young people in the Peel Region.

We’ve also committed $400,000 to GP Down South to deliver the 3 Tier Youth Mental Health Program for at risk youth in the Peel Region.

Let me be clear - Royalties for Regions will continue under a McGowan Labor Government.

WA Labor is determined to see Royalties for Regions spent wisely to maximise the benefits for the regions.

This is just a snapshot of WA Labor’s positive Plan for the Peel region and my fresh approach for WA.

Mark McGowan, WA Labor Leader
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Plan for Jobs in Peel

A McGowan Labor Government will:

- Invest $10 million in the Eastern Foreshore Redevelopment to develop an iconic Mandurah foreshore precinct, supporting tourism and local jobs.
- Invest $425 million over 5 years to promote WA and showcase our beautiful state including Mandurah Foreshore and surfing beaches, Ravenswood and the forests and waterways of the Peel Region.
- Allow accredited tour operators to sell and supply alcohol under prescribed circumstances.
- Create a $4.5 million Regional New Industries Fund providing grants to support and accelerate new and emerging businesses in the Startup and gaming sectors, creating jobs in the burgeoning hi-tech industry.
- Introduce the Western Australian Industry Participation Plan (WAIPP) to ensure more local jobs on WA Government building projects in the Peel region.
- Close existing loopholes in government policies to ensure the Buy Local guidelines on the use of local businesses and workers are applied to regional projects and tender arrangements including to head contractors.
- Maximise the number of apprentices and trainees in the Peel Region employed on government projects.

Putting Patients First in Peel

A McGowan Labor Government will:

- Provide $400,000 to GP Down South to deliver the 3 Tier Youth Mental Health Program for at risk youth in the Peel Region.
- Contribute $4.99 million towards the development of the Peel Youth Medical Service Health Hub to provide much needed care and support for young people in the Peel Region.
- Make it easier for aged care providers in the Peel Region to develop new facilities by identifying suitable land and removing existing planning and local government impediments.
- Work with local health care providers to establish an Urgent Care Clinic in the Peel region.
• Build WA’s first Medihotel in Perth to make extended hospital stays more comfortable for patients from the Peel region who are required to travel to Perth for treatment.

• Review the provision of specialist services as part of the Sustainable Health Review to ensure that where possible services are delivered closer to where people live.

• Review regional and country ambulance services to ensure our volunteers and frontline paramedics have the support they need to continue to respond to emergency situations.

Investing in Education and Training

A McGowan Labor Government will:

• Allocate $2.5 million towards developing, in partnership with the City of Mandurah, shared use sporting facilities at the new Lakelands High School.

• Put Education Assistants back in the classroom by funding an additional 300 Education Assistants over 3 years.

• Employ an additional 120 teachers to provide more capacity for Level 3 teachers to improve classroom teaching in their schools and mentor younger teachers, to oversee the delivery of mental health programs in schools and to support regional year 11 and 12 students.

• Reinstatement of the 0.1 FTE attached to Level 3 classroom teachers across half the schools of the state so that really great teachers can mentor, teach and share their knowledge with other teachers.

• Establish a Partnership on School Leadership with key education stakeholders to deliver high quality professional development and to look at ways to attract and retain teachers at rural and remote schools.

• Put Aboriginal Islander Education Officers back in the classroom by funding an additional 50 AIEOs in regional WA.

• Provide 300 schools with 0.1 FTE of a Level 3 teacher time per school to oversee the delivery of evidence based mental health programs.

• Invest $12 million to roll out science programs in up to 200 public primary schools including funding to convert existing classrooms to science laboratories.

• Provide $5 million in grants for $25,000 to enable schools to buy resources to equip those labs.

• Invest $2 million to deliver professional development for teachers to support the integration of coding into their teaching.

• Introduce a direct-to-market (D2M) maintenance and minor capital works model that gives schools the authorisation and funding pool to directly engage their own contractors for works up to a value of $20,000.

• Rebuild TAFE and deliver an affordable training system to support jobs growth in Western Australia.

• Implement a VET Regional Partnerships Program to provide an opportunity for regional TAFEs to invest in new and innovative long term partnerships to create training and job opportunities in the Peel region.
• Ensure that the State Priority Occupation List will be more responsive to the employment needs of the regions and ensure local TAFEs are delivering training that aligns with future job growth in the Peel region.

• Provide a site for childcare centre in the planning of every new public primary school and opportunities for before and after school care and school holiday care at every new primary school.

• Work with local school communities at existing public schools to open up the opportunities for more childcare as well as before and after school and school holiday care facilities.

Community Services

A McGowan Labor Government will:

• Implement a state-wide, coordinated and targeted Methamphetamine Action Plan (MAP) focussed on three key areas to reduce demand, reduce harm and reduce supply.

• Increase the capacity in crisis accommodation in Mandurah to strengthen service responses and ensure that women and children facing family and domestic violence can access appropriate services.

• Allocate an additional $100,000 to Pat Thomas House to repair and upgrade facilities of their existing accommodation.

• Commit $1 million over 4 years to Allambee Counselling.

• Allocate $50,000 to repair and upgrade facilities at Midway Community Care centre.

• Allocate $50,000 to the Peel Community Kitchen to assist in providing meals to those in need.

Services and Infrastructure

A McGowan Labor Government will:

• Commit $20 million towards a multistorey car park at Mandurah train station to encourage more people to use public transport.

• Work with the City of Mandurah to invest an additional $350,000 to fund and install additional CCTV cameras in and around the Mandurah's War Memorial to deter antisocial behaviour.

• Work with the Peel Shires to introduce response signs along beaches with public access.

• Fund a State-wide Fishing Safety Strategy. The Strategy will be developed in consultation with Recfishwest and other stakeholders.

• Introduce the MarineRescue App, a free App that connects boaters to marine rescue experts, increasing safety for those out to sea.

• Increase funding to Fishability WA.

• Contribute $100,000 towards the Pinjarra Town Centre Redevelopment.

• Allocate $100,000 towards upgrading facilities as part of the Dwellingup Town Square Redevelopment.

• Contribute $100,000 towards the purchase of a
mini bus for use in the Shire of Murray.

- Allocate $50,000 for repairs and upgrades to the Preston Beach Community Hall.

- Allocate $100,000 for the Waroona Community Men’s Shed to repair and upgrade their facilities.

- Allocate $30,000 to the Mandurah Southern Districts Fire Brigade to repair and upgrade their facilities.

- Allocate $30,000 to the Falcon Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service to upgrade and repair their facilities.

**Protecting Our Environment**

A McGowan Labor Government will:

- Provide $1.5 million to develop a comprehensive estuary protection plan that creates an integrated approach towards catchment management and fund rehabilitation projects.

- Employ an officer at the Peel Development Commission to drive the process of rehabilitation of the Peel Harvey estuary.

- Allocate $20,000 to the Peel Harvey Catchment Council to assist in projects in catchment management.

- Allocate $10,000 to the Peel Preservation Group to assist in their work to preserve the Peel environment.

- Ban the fracking of unconventional gas in the South West, Peel and the Perth metropolitan area.
Redevelopment of the Eastern Foreshore

The revitalization of the Mandurah City Centre and foreshore is important in creating local jobs and training opportunities for the youth in Mandurah. Tourism is vital in the provision of jobs and investment in Mandurah and the Peel region - and given Mandurah is suffering the second highest levels of unemployment in Australia this commitment will assist in the delivery of jobs, training, tourism dollars, investment and a sense of hope & pride in the community.

- A McGowan Labor Government will invest $10 million in the Eastern Foreshore Redevelopment to develop an iconic Mandurah foreshore precinct, supporting tourism and local jobs.

The Eastern Foreshore retaining wall has reached the end of its operational life. During storms and high tides, water is often seen breaching the wall. Work has commenced on replacing the wall however landscaping and an upgrade to amenities will deliver an economic driver for tourism and a wonderful community asset.
Tourism Opportunities of the Future

A McGowan Labor Government will inject $425 million over five years to establish WA as one of the world’s great tourist destinations and support the tourism and hospitality sectors to create jobs and diversify the economy.

• A McGowan Labor Government will invest $425 million over 5 years to promote WA and showcase our beautiful state including Mandurah Foreshore and surfing beaches, Ravenswood and the forests and waterways of the Peel Region.

Regional WA is as diverse as it is unique and offers tourists a distinctive experience and is an integral part of our plan to diversify the economy and grow our tourism sector across WA.

Tourism is a key focus of WA Labor’s plan to create jobs and broaden our economy beyond resources. Figures provided by Tourism Council WA show that the industry employs 94,000 people and inserts $9.3 billion in the WA economy.

This will be supported by the establishment of Brand WA.

Brand WA will provide a global toolkit of consistent concepts, packaging and messaging that will promote our wonderful State and its unique experiences to the rest of the world.

Hospitality in the Regions

Tourism WA estimates that about 1.1 million visitors took part in food and wine experiences in 2013, with local specialities a key attraction. Western Australia can do more to capitalise on the boom in food and alcohol tourism, especially in promoting regional specialties of the Peel Region.

We need to encourage more tourism-friendly hospitality culture by allowing such simple measures as making it easier for restaurants to sell alcohol without a meal and letting accredited tour operators offer an alcoholic drink on their tour like a beer at the end of a tough bushwalk or sparkling wine while watching the famed WA sunset.

• A McGowan Labor Government will allow accredited tour operators to sell and supply alcohol under prescribed circumstances.

WA Labor will make it easier for tourist to try our unique local products by freeing up the regulations around regional collectives and farmers markets. Currently regional collective cellar door facilities can showcase wine and beer from a particular region but no distilled alcohol products.
New Industries Fund to attract and foster Startups

A McGowan Labor Government will invest $4.5 million in a Regional New Industries Fund to support and accelerate new and emerging businesses in the Startup and gaming sectors. This investment has the potential to generate jobs in a diverse range of industries and provide investment opportunities for these new companies.

- A McGowan Labor Government will create a $4.5 million Regional New Industries Fund providing grants to support and accelerate new and emerging businesses in the Startup and gaming sectors, creating jobs in the burgeoning hi-tech industry.

WA Labor will support innovation in regional WA which has the effect of boosting the local economy and creating further opportunities for job growth.

The Peel Development Commissions will identify locations to develop business incubators to foster and accelerate regional based Startup and gaming enterprises. Funding support through the New Industries Fund will focus on early career and business development support and foster an environment where private investment does the heavy lifting for commercial production and market entry.

Industry and Technology Parks to Create Jobs

Under the auspices of the Industrial Lands Authority, a McGowan Labor Government will cut government red tape and drive the development of Peel Business Park and the Peel Food Zone to encourage meaningful investment in Peel and create new job opportunities.

- A McGowan Labor Government will bring the development of industrial land in Peel under the auspices of the Industrial Lands Authority to develop serviced, ready to use industrial land at such locations as Nambeelup.

In cities like Mandurah, the WA Government either directly, or through its various agencies hold significant and critically located tracts of land. Currently, there is little power or capacity to incentivise investment in regional industrial parks. Accordingly, many parks have struggled to attract investors and have done little to diversify the types of industries that would create meaningful long-term jobs.

The Industrial Lands Authority will promote, assist or offer incentives to attract regional business investment. Companies at last will have a single government body to deal with. This will improve relations with existing businesses and tenants in industrial parks and encourage meaningful investment in Peel and create new job opportunities.
Peel Business Park, Nambeelup

The Nambellup industrial park is situated 9kms north east of the Mandurah CBD and has followed on from more than 10 years of planning and approval processes. It is suitably located within close proximity to Bunbury Port and major road and rail infrastructure.

The business park will offer land for agricultural and industrial businesses and is seen by many as a way of job creation and future proofing the Peel economy.

The Liberal National Government has likened this development to that of the Henderson Marine Complex which has been disadvantaged by the red-tape and agency duplication that is currently occurring.

- A McGowan Labour Government will invest in Nambeelup and ensure the future development and growth of the Peel Business Park will be more streamlined by the Industrial Lands Authority making investment more attractive to businesses and industry.

Peel Food Zone

The Peel Food Zone is visioned to become a 27,000ha food zone focussed on ‘non-traditional,’ high value, innovative food production and is expected to deliver significant boost to jobs and economic opportunities in the Peel Region.

Planned as a subsequent stage of the Nambellup development, the Peel Food Zone has the potential to increase export markets of high quality food and products. Further benefit will come from WA Labor’s Brand WA, an overarching brand that will more consistently promote our produce to new and emerging export markets.

Peel Development Commission

The role of the Peel Development Commission is to lead and support sustainable development in regional WA.

- A McGowan Labor Government will ensure that Peel Development Commission takes a more proactive role in maximising the value of local content delivered on Royalties for Regions projects in Peel.

All departments and head contractors carrying out government funded projects in the region will be required to advertise all tenders and job openings on the Peel Development Commission website. This will allow local businesses and job seekers to have a single portal to access opportunities in their region.

More Buy Local in Peel

WA Labor believes that more should be done to deliver skilled jobs in the Peel Region.

- A McGowan Labor Government will introduce the Western Australian Industry Participation Plan (WAIPP) to ensure more local jobs on WA Government building projects in the Peel region.

WAIPPs are supported by legislation and will increase the amount of local content delivered as a result of government contracts. All government agencies will be required to include local content and local jobs as a key criterion in tender evaluation and other relevant procurement processes.
The WAIPPs will be implemented in conjunction with an enhanced Buy Local Policy. Loopholes that exist in the current buy local policies mean the Peel Region is not experiencing the full benefit of investment in the area.

A recent analysis shows that regional business preference eligibility was applied to only 17 per cent of the net worth of projects in regional WA.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will close existing loopholes in government policies to ensure the Buy Local guidelines on the use of local businesses and workers are applied to regional projects and tender arrangements including to head contractors.**

WA Labor will ensure that jobs created through our plan go to Western Australians first.

### Apprenticeships and Trainee opportunities

A McGowan Labor Government is committed to expanding the Priority Start Policy to ensure that the opportunity to create apprenticeship and trainee positions is maximised.

The success of the Priority Start policy will also be supported through the implementation of WA Labor’s Western Australian Industry Participation Plan (WAIPP). In regional WA this will result in more young people having access to training and skilled jobs.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will maximise the number of apprentices and trainees in the Peel Region employed on government projects.**

3 Tier Mental Health Program for Secondary Students

GP Down South have developed an innovative and unique Youth Mental Health Program to secondary students in the Peel region. The 3 Tier Program aims to raise awareness of mental health issues and suicide prevention, encourages young people to talk about the issues and provides individual services to those requiring further support.

- A McGowan Labor Government will provide $400,000 to GP Down South to deliver the 3 Tier Youth Mental Health Program for at risk youth in the Peel Region.

Mandurah suffers from a lack of counselling services and support services for youths and their families in the Peel Region. The program aims to raise awareness of mental health issues among secondary school students and engages students in discussion of mental health issues in a safe, interactive workshop setting. It also provides individual counselling and mental health treatment services to at risk youth.

Peel Youth Medical Service Health Hub

Tragically, eight young people have taken their lives since December 2015. There is an urgent need in the local communities for greater support services for young people experiencing depression, anxiety and other mental health issues.

The Peel Youth Medical Service Health Hub (PYMHS) is a best practice, GP-centred model of care that will provide a suite of services for 12-24 year olds dealing with drug and alcohol issues, mental health issues, family dysfunction and homelessness. It would be the first one in the nation of this kind.

- A McGowan Labor Government will contribute $4.99 million towards the development of the Peel Youth Medical Service Health Hub to provide much needed care and support for young people in the Peel Region.

Mandurah desperately needs critical care and support services for people aged 12-24 in the Peel Region.
suffering from mental and physical illnesses. The PYMHS will also provide support for alcohol and drug abuse related health problems.

The Commonwealth Government have committed $2 million towards this project.

**Provision of Aged Care to Free up Hospital Beds**

The Peel Region has a shortage of residential aged care beds and as a result, many elderly people are waiting for a place while occupying a public hospital bed.

Being in hospital is not the best place for our elderly – they would much prefer to be with friends and family in an aged care facility.

There are currently 3,500 aged care bed licences available from the Federal Government which are currently not being used in Western Australia.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will make it easier for aged care providers in the Peel Region to develop new facilities by identifying suitable land and removing existing planning and local government impediments.**

Under the plan, existing government buildings and assets will be assessed to determine their suitability to be converted into aged care facilities. A new aged care facility should include capacity for people convalescing from medical treatment and too unwell to go home but not needing to be in hospital.

**Urgent Care Clinics**

A McGowan Labor Government will introduce Urgent Care Clinics to reduce the pressure on our hospital emergency departments so you can get the care you need when you need it.

Rather than making people sit in a busy emergency department Urgent Care Clinics will provide an alternative setting to access medical services and give patients more choice.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will work with local health care providers to establish an urgent care clinic in the Peel region.**

The integration of Urgent Care Clinics into our emergency departments and community settings will reduce pressure on our hospitals and deliver more responsive and appropriate care to WA patients.

**Medihotels – An Innovation in Health Care**

A McGowan Labor Government in committed to providing health services close to where people live. However there is often a need for regional people to travel for more complex health care treatment.

Medihotels are an innovative way of making the experience of travelling for treatment less stressful and without the problems of the PATS scheme which often leaves people out of pocket.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will build WA's first Medihotel in Perth to make extended hospital stays more comfortable for patients from the Peel region who are required to travel to Perth for treatment.**
The Medihotel is a specialist hotel designed to support patients discharged from hospital but who are still recovering. Our new Medihotel will provide patients with a comfortable, innovative and family friendly environment in which to receive ongoing care. You will also be able to have your family members stay with you.

Medihotels will provide a stop-off point for patients traveling to Perth for hospital care. Guest rooms would be supported by specially trained staff to support patients as they transition to out-patients or community based care and safely begin their journey home.

It’s a simple solution that allows patients to recuperate in comfort and privacy while still having access to medical care. Medihotels are part of a McGowan Labor’s Government commitment to deliver a first class health system that puts patients first.

**Specialist Services in the Future**

The provision of specialist services in the Peel will be considered as part of a WA Labor’s Sustainable Health Review.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will review the provision of specialist services as part of the Sustainable Health Review to ensure that where possible services are delivered closer to where people live.**

Patient First Dialogues will be convened around the State as part of the review. These will bring together consumer advocates, front-line staff, health leaders and administrators to contribute to a new vision of patient centered care.

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**What is a Medihotel?**

- A specialist hotel designed to support patients when they have been discharged from hospital but are still recuperating, being monitored or receiving outpatient services.

- Staff will provide assistance with everyday tasks, companionship, nourishment and transfers to and from hospitals.

- Medical staff such as nurses, physiotherapists and occupational therapists can visit the guests in the medihotel.

- Family members will be able to stay with patients.

- Medihotels will be especially beneficial to regional patients, the elderly and those who live alone.
Review of Country Ambulance Services

A McGowan Labor Government recognises the vital role our regional frontline paramedics and volunteer ambulance officers have in rural and regional WA. Our volunteer ambulance officers are country people who contribute their personal time, effort and skill to enable ambulance services to reach those in need in some of the most isolated regional communities.

St John’s Ambulance WA covers the largest area of any single ambulance service in the world – 2,525,500 square kilometres or 33 per cent of the total landmass of Australia.

Country ambulance services are experiencing similar issues to many other health services in regional areas including difficulties in recruiting and retaining staff, an ageing workforce and working in a stressful environment.

- A McGowan Labor Government will review regional and country ambulance services to ensure our volunteers and frontline paramedics have the support they need to continue to respond to emergency situations.

A McGowan Labor Government will work with St Johns Ambulance Service and relevant stakeholders to ensure the issues facing our country ambulance services are identified and addressed.

For further information go www.markmcgowan.com.au/health
Lakelands High School

A new secondary school is to be built in Lakelands and is set to open in 2019. However, the school will have an immediate need for sporting facilities, which have not been included in the plans for the new school.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $2.5 million towards developing, in partnership with the City of Mandurah, shared use sporting facilities at the new Lakelands High School.**

Partnerships between the State Government and Local Government Authorities to establish and maintain sporting facilities at schools have proven successful in other parts of the State.

The former WA Labor Government established a number of shared facilities including a shared community recreation facility with gymnasium and performing arts centre at Tom Price Senior High School in 2005, and shared playing fields at Dalyellup College in 2007.

Partnering with the City of Mandurah to establish sporting facilities for the new Lakelands High school will provide valuable asset for the school and for the wider community.

More Support for Children in the Classroom

Education Assistants have an integral role in the education of students including preparation of resources, one on one coaching, extra support for students facing learning difficulties, students with English as a second language and students with disabilities.

Critically, Education Assistants (EAs) assist those students who need extra help to stay focused so that other students are not distracted and the classroom teacher can get on with teaching.

Teachers reported that with less Education Assistants they now had to spend more time with ‘high need’ students to the detriment of the rest of the class.

Feedback from the peak parent body the WA Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO) said the biggest concern of parents was not enough EAs to cover time that early childhood and lower year’s students are at school, meaning less support for students and more pressure on teachers.

- **A McGowan Government will put Education Assistants back in the classroom by funding an additional 300 Education Assistants over 3 years.**

An additional 100 EAs will be funded at the start of each new school year in 2018, 2019 and 2020 as a Targeted Initiative as part of the Student Centred Funding Model (SCFM). Schools will apply for funding under a Targeted Initiative for programs that are staffed by Education Assistants.
More Teachers in our Schools

A McGowan Labour Government will employ 120 additional teachers for the specific purpose of providing:

1. Time for half of the level 3 teachers in the state to have 0.1 of their time dedicated to mentor, teach and share their knowledge, to be leaders in classroom teaching practice.
2. Time for 300 schools with 0.1 FTE of a Level 3 teacher time to oversee the delivery of mental health programs in schools.
3. Additional support for regional students studying remotely.

These additional teacher resources will help improve teaching practice in our schools and support the delivery of evidence based mental health programs. It will also provide much needed dedicated support for children in regional WA studying through SIDE.

• A McGowan Labor Government will employ an additional 120 teachers to provide more capacity for Level 3 teachers to improve classroom teaching in their schools and mentor younger teachers, to oversee the delivery of mental health programs in schools and to support regional year 11 and 12 students.

Promoting Teacher Quality and Partnership on School Leadership

It is broadly recognised that teacher quality is critical for the education outcomes of students. High performing education systems around the world know that improving the effectiveness of teaching is how to lift school performance. These education systems know that teaching improves when teachers learn from each other.

• A McGowan Labor Government will reinstate the 0.1FTE attached to Level 3 classroom teachers across half the schools of the state so that really great teachers can mentor, teach and share their knowledge with other teachers.

WA Labor’s policy will tap into the high skill levels and expertise of our very best classroom teachers to be the teaching leaders in their schools. Teachers who have successfully completed the Level 3 qualification which recognises excellence in classroom teaching will have the resources to improve teaching quality in their schools by leading teacher improvement programs with their colleagues.

A McGowan Labor Government will establish Partnership on School Leadership working group of key education stakeholder organisations to develop a partnership to deliver high quality professional development. This working group will also identify ways to create incentives to encourage effective school leaders to stay in challenging schools for a reasonable period and will ensure really great teachers can share their knowledge with other teachers.

It will also explore a range of initiatives to attract and retain good teachers and school leaders at remote and rural schools and at schools in lower socio-economic areas in Perth.

A snapshot of schools across the State showed that in the last 24 months Pannawonica Primary School had three different principals and Karratha Primary School, Halls Creek and Wyndham District High School all had two principals in two years.¹

WA Labor will change this, and ensure good teachers and good leaders are attracted and retained at remote and rural schools.

A McGowan Labor Government will establish a Partnership on School Leadership with key education stakeholders to deliver high quality professional development and to look at ways to attract and retain teachers at rural and remote schools.

Putting AIEOs Back in Regional Schools

An additional 25 Aboriginal Islander Education Officer (AIEOs) will be funded at the start of each new school year in 2018 and 2019 as a Targeted Initiative as part of the Student Centred Funding Model (SCFM). Regional schools will apply for funding under a Targeted Initiatives for programs that are staffed by AIEOs.

A McGowan Labor Government will put Aboriginal Islander Education Officers back in the classroom by funding an additional 50 AIEOs in regional WA.

These officers are critical to ensuring local Aboriginal children are given additional assistance and every opportunity to overcome any unique challenges they may experience.

Resources for Mental Health in Schools

A McGowan Labor Government will tap into the high skill levels and expertise of our very best classroom teachers and provide additional support to enable them to drive the delivery of evidence based mental health programs in our schools.

A McGowan Labor Government will provide 300 schools with 0.1 FTE of a Level 3 teacher time per school to oversee the delivery of evidence based mental health programs.

WA Labor will increase the amount mental health support available in public schools by providing additional staff resource time to oversee the framework or program that their school chooses from a list of evidence based mental health and resilience programs.

Science in Primary Schools

A WA Labor Government will invest in our schools for the jobs of the future. Coding, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics will be the future drivers of innovation as we reshape our economy. Science is one of the fundamental elements of the STEM disciplines and a focus on science will support the diversification of the economy and is an investment in the jobs of the future.

Likewise, coding is what makes it possible for us to create websites, apps and computer software. Science and business leaders have long been calling for coding to be taught formally in schools. Through coding, students build essential literacy skills, gain an understanding of logic and sequence and turn computers into tools to make new things.
A McGowan Labor Government will:

- Invest $12 million to roll out science programs in up to 200 public primary schools including funding to convert existing classrooms to science laboratories
- Provide $5 million in grants for $25,000 to enable schools to buy resources to equip those labs
- Invest $2 million to deliver professional development for teachers to support the integration of coding into their teaching

WA Labor believes science has been a missed opportunity for WA and currently there is a lack of science focus in primary schools. This has had a flow on effect into secondary schools with less students taking up science.

While there are science jobs in the resources sector, as exploration and development shrink so too do these jobs. Science is more than geology and biology and if WA is to become a smarter and more innovative State then we must prepare students for jobs beyond the resources industry.

WA Labor believes we must be innovative to keep our economy growing. A McGowan Government’s plan to roll out science programs in primary schools and coding in the school curriculum are important steps in creating a broad economy which generate jobs in a diverse range

**Direct to Market (D2M)**

A McGowan Labor Government will introduce a direct-to-market (D2M) maintenance and minor capital works model that gives schools the authorisation and funding pool to directly engage their own contractors for works up to a value of $20,000.

The D2M model will allow schools to have:

- Flexibility to contract and manage services contracts including routine maintenance.
- An annual maintenance allocation.
- An opt-in model which means the scheme would be voluntary.
- Oversight and support from the Department of Education.

There are 159 WA public schools that have opted to manage their own repair and faults for works under $1,500. The Queensland Government adopted an opt-in model, and it estimated savings of around 20 per cent.

Under a McGowan Labor Government, schools can either continue to use the centralised tendering method for works under Building Management and Works in the Department of Finance or use the direct-to-market (D2M) method for works up the value of $20,000.

D2M could provide schools with the autonomy to select their own service providers and allow for a more efficient use of the maintenance budget and more value for money.

The Department of Education would govern the D2M program and oversee its implementation. Schools will have to ensure contractors have the required licences and insurance cover to carry out the maintenance tasks and the work would be signed off to ensure it’s at the required standard.

A McGowan Labor Government would provide a transparent analysis of the maintenance backlog and establish measuring capabilities to assess and report if the program objectives have been achieved.
Plan for TAFE

Under a McGowan Labor Government, TAFE will remain a modern responsive training organisation that will drive the future economic development of our State. TAFE will continue to be the preeminent provider of vocational training in the State and do so under the banner of TAFE.

• A McGowan Labor Government will rebuild TAFE and deliver an affordable training system to support jobs growth in Western Australia.

It has also been the primary source of affordable further education for the adult population over a wide range of interests. In the last seven years however TAFE has been under merciless attack by the Liberal Government. The Department of Training and all of the Colleges have been subjected to funding cuts, job losses, course closures and students have been subjected to massive increases in study fees.

Under a McGowan Labor Government TAFE will be reinvigorated and will play a vital role in the economic and industrial development of our State.

Regional TAFEs Supporting Regional Job Growth

A McGowan Labor Government is committed to ensuring that there is a quality TAFE system in regional WA: a TAFE system that delivers training linked to real jobs and aligns with future job growth in the regions.

Regional TAFEs will develop partnerships and drive innovation and new industries.

• A McGowan Labor Government will implement a VET Regional Partnerships Program to provide an opportunity for regional TAFEs to invest in new and innovative long term partnerships to create training and job opportunities in the Peel region.

The State Priority Occupations List is used to determine which courses are delivered and the level of government funding different courses will attract.

This affects the annual funding allocations by the Department of Training including the allocations to regional State training providers on training priorities.
This list must be responsive to changes in the economy and local employment needs.

- A McGowan Labor Government will ensure that the State Priority Occupation List will be more responsive to the employment needs of the regions and ensure regional TAFEs are delivering training that aligns with future job growth in the Peel region.

**Educare**

A McGowan Labor Government will support parents and children during the working day by allowing school communities the option of providing extra childcare through quality childcare providers.

A lack of childcare can be a major stumbling block to parents pursuing or maintaining their employment opportunities. This can have a negative impact on the financial viability of households and the general economic activity of the State.

A Productivity Commission report into childcare estimates that there are up to 165,000 parents (on an FTE basis) who would like to work, or work more hours, but are not able to do so because they are experiencing difficulties with the cost of, or access to, suitable childcare.

Many parents are all too familiar with the stress of balancing work and family. It begins with finding a childcare place for infants and toddlers, which can lead to the dreaded double drop-off between the childcare centre and school and then rushing to get to work on time.

In the afternoon it all starts again when school finishes hours before many of us finish work. School holidays bring extra headaches as parents wonder what to do with their kids during working hours.

Allowing school communities the option of providing extra childcare through quality providers can also lessen the pressures on everyday family life.

Specialised Drug Treatment Centre

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WA Labor will work with experts and stakeholders on early targeted prevention, better treatment services and effective withdrawal services. The MAP will build on what is currently seen as best practice, providing education, training, rehabilitation, coordination and research.

Additional safe places for women and children

There is a need to increase refuge accommodation in Western Australia to provide safe and secure placements for women and children fleeing violent relationships and to allow a more coordinated provision of appropriate services and support.

- A McGowan Labor Government will increase the capacity in crisis accommodation in Mandurah to strengthen service responses and ensure that women and children facing family and domestic violence can access appropriate services.

Pat Thomas House is a family and domestic violence crisis service in Mandurah that provide supported crisis accommodation, advocacy, support and counselling for women and children or lone women who are escaping, experiencing or are impacted by family and domestic violence.
WA Labor recognises the existing social capital, expertise and resources in Mandurah provided by Pat Thomas House for women and children who are experiencing or impacted by family and domestic violence. We will build on that capacity and work with Pat Thomas House to identify suitable additional accommodation so more women and children can be assisted.

Additional funding will also be provided to repair and upgrade the existing facilities.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will allocate an additional $100,000 to Pat Thomas House to repair and upgrade facilities of their existing accommodation.**

These services would respond to increases in demand for crisis accommodation and would ensure that women’s needs are met by an appropriate service and in a timely manner, including culturally appropriate accommodation for Aboriginal and CALD women and children and families with children with disabilities.

These services will be purpose built cluster models utilising independent units allowing them to break through the barrier for women with older boys and larger families. Having a strong and flexible range of crisis services will better support an integrated service system.

Family and domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children in Australia.1

WA Labor is committed to meeting the need for crisis accommodation for women and children in Mandurah and surrounding areas.

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Family and Domestic Violence counselling in Mandurah

Family and domestic violence Allambee Counselling provides support for domestic violence victims within the Peel region. Allambee provides a continuity of services that goes beyond the time of crisis ensuring that the victims of Family and Domestic Violence have the support they need. The current wait time to receive counselling is six months.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will commit $1 million over 4 years to Allambee Counselling.**

These funds will enable Allambee to employ two dedicated staff to domestic violence cases and the associated case management and will reduce waiting times for domestic violence victims from approximately 6 months to a month.2

2. Allambee Manager, Nicole Lambert
Midway Community Care

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $50,000 to repair and upgrade facilities at Midway Community Care centre.

Midway Community Care is a not for profit organisation that provides services for people with an intellectual disability in the Peel region.

Peel Community Kitchen

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $50,000 to the Peel Community Kitchen to assist in providing meals to those in need.

Peel Community Kitchen provides meals in Mandurah to those people and families in need in Mandurah and the surrounding areas. Running since 2009 and staffed by dedicated volunteers, the Kitchen provide healthy nourishing meals for those in need for 5 days a week.
Build a Multi-level Car Park at Mandurah Train Station

The availability of car parking space at Mandurah Train Station has been an ongoing issue resulting in overflowing verge parking in neighbouring streets. Residents have raised that on any given day there can be anywhere up to 100 cars parked on their verges.

- A McGowan Labor Government will commit $20 million towards a multistorey car park at Mandurah train station to encourage more people to use public transport.

WA Labor recognises that congestion is a huge issue in our city and public transport is a major way of making our city more liveable. WA Labor will work with the City of Mandurah on a plan to increase the number of parking bays at the Mandurah Train Station.

Install CCTV at the Mandurah War Memorial

Mandurah’s iconic War Memorial on the western foreshore has been vandalised on several occasions resulting in significant damage and stolen memorial plaques, with other areas of the Mandurah foreshore subject to anti-social behaviour.

- A McGowan Labor Government will work with the City of Mandurah to invest an additional $350,000 to fund and install additional CCTV cameras in and around the Mandurah's War Memorial to deter antisocial behaviour.

The City of Mandurah recently received funding for CCTV for the War Memorial precinct. During the planning phase of the CCTV rollout for the War Memorial a number of blackspots were identified and could not be remedied due to a lack of funds.

The RSL and City staff identified the need for more to be done at this location. The investment of a further $350,000 will enable the War Memorial to be fully covered. Any surplus funds after the War memorial work is completed can be applied to other blackspots within the City of Mandurah.

Not only is the antisocial activity a reoccurring cost for the Council, but the affect these acts of vandalism have on the community is significant.
Safer Beaches with Rapid Response Signage

WA Labor will always support measures that will reduce the risk of shark attacks subject they are based on science and genuinely improve community safety. While we are unlikely to completely remove the risk of shark attacks in WA a McGowan Labor Government will make our beaches safer by introducing a range of measures to minimise risk.

WA Labor believes that our oceans are one of WA's greatest natural assets. By encouraging science-backed mitigation strategies we can provide peace of mind while at the same time protect our marine environment for generations to come.

Recently the City of Mandurah decided to introduce rapid response signs along 50kms of coastline to increase the ability of emergency services to respond to calls for assistance. The signs will include the number, name and exact GPS location of each section of beach providing vital information in the event of a shark sighting or attack. A McGowan Labor Government will look at providing a grants program for Local Governments and Shires that wish to install rapid response signs along areas of coast line with public access.

- A McGowan Labor Government will work with the Peel Shires to introduce response signs along beaches with public access.

WA Labor is serious about making our beaches safer and will invest in complimentary solutions that are evidence based to provide people peace of mind whilst at the same time respecting the marine environment.

Recreational Fishing Facilities

Recreational fishing is an important part of WA's way of life and it is an important economic driver. Recreational fishing creates jobs in both direct and indirect supply which are vital to many coastal towns and regional areas.

Safety must always be an important part of Recreational Fishing. Rock fishing in particular can be very dangerous with 30 people having died in WA since 2002.

- A McGowan Labor Government will fund a State-wide Fishing Safety Strategy. The Strategy will be developed in consultation with Recfishwest and other stakeholders.

On average in WA, only 15 per cent of recreational craft notify someone before heading out to sea. This makes searching for lost vessels harder and less time responsive.

- A McGowan Labor Government will introduce the MarineRescue App, a free App that connects boaters to marine rescue experts, increasing safety for those out to sea.

The App will enable boaters to log on to the website and if boaters aren’t safety back when expected, the App alerts the nearest marine rescue group.

Making recreational fishing accessible to people with disabilities can sometimes be a challenge but it brings many rewards. That is why the work of Fishability WA [formerly Fishers with Disabilities Association] is so important and will receive ongoing funding from a McGowan Labor Government.

- A McGowan Labor Government will increase funding to Fishability WA.
Recreational fishing supports jobs and businesses as well as encouraging kids and families to get outdoors and learn more about our environment. Recreational fishing also has a positive influence on mental and physical health.

WA Labor will continue to support new initiatives through the Recreational Fishing Initiatives Fund.

**Pinjarra Town Centre**

- **A McGowan Labor Government will contribute $100,000 towards the Pinjarra Town Centre Redevelopment.**

  The Shire of Murray has developed a Town Centre Revitalisation plan for Pinjarra. Based on the need to cater for a significant predicted population growth, Council and the Shire developed the to ensure that continued population growth in the Town Centre and future growth is managed in a way that improves business, employment, education, housing and lifestyle opportunities for the community. The plan is also aimed at protecting the character and heritage of Pinjarra.

  WA Labor will allocate $100,000 to assist in making the Shire of Murray’s vision a reality.

**Dwellingup Town Square Redevelopment**

- **A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $100,000 towards upgrading facilities as part of the Dwellingup Town Square Redevelopment.**

  The Shire of Murray has developed a Dwellingup Tourism Concept Plan, which has, as part of its vision, the development of Town Square.

  “There is no current concept of a town square in Dwellingup. Traditionally, a town square was an open plaza in the centre of town and adjacent to the town hall and church.”

  A McGowan Labor Government will assist the Shire of Murray develop the development of a Town Square through an allocation of $100,000.

**Shire of Murray Community Bus**

- **A McGowan Labor Government will contribute $100,000 towards the purchase of a mini bus for use in the Shire of Murray.**

  In October 2016, the Shire of Murray trialled a community bus service in response to community concerns about the lack of public transport in the area. The trial allowed the residents in areas outside Pinjarra and Mandurah a service to link with the Transperth services in those centres.

  A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $100,000 towards the purchase of a bus so the trial service can be made permanent.

**Preston Beach Community Hall**

- **A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $50,000 for repairs and upgrades to the Preston Beach Community Hall.**

  The Community Hall at Preston beach is an important venue for community activity in the coastal hamlet of Preston Beach. The hall is a modest weatherboard structure but very important for community events.

  A McGowan Labor Government’s allocation of $50,000 will provide important repairs and upgrades to ensure the hall retains its importance as a community focal point.

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1 DWELLINGUP TOURISM CONCEPT PLAN; Woodland Recreation. An Initiative by Dwellingup Community Compact Inc., January 2016
Waroona Community Men’s Shed

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $100,000 for the Waroona Community Men’s Shed to repair and upgrade their facilities.

The Waroona Community Men’s Shed officially opened on March 2015, although the facility had been in planning since July 2013. Since then the group has gone from strength to strength in providing men of the region with a meeting place and workshop.

A McGowan Labor Government’s allocation of $100,000 to the men’s Shed will allow the group to improve their facilities and the service they provide to the community of Waroona and surrounding district.

Falcon Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $30,000 to the Falcon Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service to upgrade and repair their facilities.

The Falcon Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service provides an essential fire prevention and response service to the local community. The service relies on dedicated volunteers to protect residents in times of emergencies and additional funding to repair and upgrade facilities will assist the service in their work.

Mandurah Southern Districts Fire Brigade

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $30,000 to the Mandurah Southern Districts Fire Brigade to repair and upgrade their facilities.

The Mandurah Southern Districts Fire Brigade was formed in 1963 to service the residents of the Herron, Bouvard and Dawesville areas.

Their area of responsibility contains large areas of the Yalgorup national Park and the growing number of residential subdivisions being created locally. Additional funding from a McGowan Labor Government will assist the brigade in undertaking this vital work.
The Peel-Harvey Estuary underpins the overall health and economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the Peel region. It is the largest estuarine system in the South West. However, the decline of the Peel-Harvey Estuary has been widely recognised including scientific reports from Murdoch University and CSIRO.

The Peel-Harvey Estuary needs immediate help to halt the diminishing of environmental standards and start the rehabilitation of this important ecological system.

**A McGowan Labor Government will:**

- Provide $1.5 million to develop a comprehensive estuary protection plan that creates an integrated approach towards catchment management and fund rehabilitation projects.

- Employ an officer at the Peel Development Commission to drive the process of rehabilitation of the Peel Harvey estuary.

WA Labor introduced Peel-Harvey Catchment Management Bill into Parliament in June 2014 to establish new legal framework to regulate the health of the estuary. However the Bill was blocked by the Liberal Government and was unable to pass. A McGowan Labor Government recognises that urgent action needs to be taken to halt the further decline of the estuary and will implement funds and a dedicated officer to coordinate remediation projects.

There have been serious concerns about the health of the estuarine system and the lack of a plan to address the high nutrient levels now found. Toxic algal blooms and low oxygen levels are the inevitable consequence of an unmanaged system.

The report, entitled 'Identifying key dynamics and
ideal governance structures for successful ecological management’ made the following indictment of the status-quo:

“The Peel–Harvey estuary is returning to a highly eutrophied state; qualitative models suggest that, as they stand, the management structures are insufficient to halt this decline, let alone rehabilitate the system. While scientists and managers are aware of the severe ecological problems… the critical point is that stakeholders and the general public lack an effective means to rehabilitate and manage the system due to ineffective governance structures, or policies that are only weakly implemented.”¹

WA Labor will develop a long term plan to remediate the waterways of the Peel Harvey Estuary in collaboration with the many local stakeholders, including the Peel Harvey Catchment Council, local governments, the Peel Preservation Group and numerous local volunteer organisations that continue working hard to protect the Peel waterways.

WA Labor will provide funding to support the work of the Peel Harvey Catchment Council and Peel Preservation Group.

A McGowan Labor Government will:

• Allocate $20,000 to the Peel Harvey Catchment Council to assist in projects in catchment management; and

• Allocate $10,000 to the Peel Preservation Group to assist in their work to preserve the Peel environment.

Ban Fracking in Peel and the South West

The development of unconventional gas is one of the most hotly contested environmental issues in Western Australia and around the world.

Community and Industry views on hydraulic fracturing for unconventional gas (HFUG) are varied and equally passionate. What is clear is that Government has a responsibility to provide stronger legislative framework and baseline data for landowners, aboriginal communities, resource companies, environmentalists, community members and relative government agencies.

The South West of Western Australia is particularly vulnerable to the risks of fracking because of the presence of the Yarragadee aquifer, farms and high-value tourism. It produces some of the world’s best food and wine and our natural forest and waterways are popular tourism destinations.

The land use patterns of the South West, Peel and the Perth metropolitan area means that fracking is inappropriate.

• A McGowan Labor Government will ban the fracking of unconventional gas in the South West, Peel and the Perth metropolitan area.

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