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I am proud to present to you WA Labor’s Plan for Collie-Preston. It’s a plan that focuses on the things that really matter to WA families – jobs, dangerous country roads, 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 understand the challenges facing hardworking, everyday families.

Mick Murray has been an outstanding local MP and has been a strong voice in the Parliament.

Our Plan will create jobs and opportunities for the people of Collie-Preston. We’ll make sure local businesses and workers get a bigger share of work on big government projects.

We will allocate $5 million per year to a Collie Futures Fund to ensure the sustainability of the coal industry, drive economic diversity and create jobs in Collie.

Innovative technologies will be part of WA’s jobs future and Collie has an important role to play in the renewable power generation sector. A McGowan Labor Government will commit $30 million to support the building of a biomass energy plant in Collie and $30 million to support the establishment of a solar farm in Collie.

A McGowan Labor Government will invest in community facilities including Lake Kepwari, Eaton Bowling Club, Balingup Town Hall, Donnybrook town centre and the Eaton to Australind waterfront historic trail. Schools in Collie and Eaton will be upgraded and we will build a new police station in Capel.

An additional $15 million will be allocated towards road improvements in Collie-Preston to fix dangerous country roads and save lives in regional WA.

A McGowan Labor Government will complete the upgrade of Collie Hospital and upgrade Bunbury Hospital to increase its capacity to a 200 bed facility. A specialised drug rehabilitation centre will be established in the Bunbury Collie 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 Collie-Preston. I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks to talk about my fresh approach for WA.

Mark McGowan, WA Labor Leader
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Plan for Jobs in Collie-Preston

A McGowan Labor Government will:

• Build the economic diversity of the Collie economy to support the growth of the jobs of the future.

• Allocate $5 million per year to a Collie Futures Fund to ensure the sustainability of the coal industry, drive economic diversity and create long term employment security for the people of Collie-Preston.

• Embrace and encourage innovative technologies and ensure that Collie has an important role to play in renewable power generation in the future.

• Commit $30 million to support the building of a biomass energy plant in Collie and the planting of the necessary timber plantations in the region to grow the biomass feedstock.

• Commit $30 million to support the establishment of a solar farm in Collie providing the jobs of the future for the people of Collie-Preston.

• Commit $100,000 to an engineering pre-feasibility study for the potential development of a demonstration mine-void pumped hydro facility in Collie.

• Fund a major upgrade of Collie TAFE and work with industry to provide training in a whole range of mining industry jobs.

• Bring the development of industrial land in the Collie region under the auspices of the Industrial Lands Authority to develop serviced, ready to use industrial land.

• Develop the necessary infrastructure to attract new businesses and reinvigorate Shotts Industrial Park in Collie.

• Engage with stakeholders to develop a food hub at Kemerton.

• Contribute $10 million towards establishing rail access to Kemerton Industrial Park to create opportunities for new business development such as lithium processing.

• Develop an Asian Business Strategy including a regional business portal to support local small and medium sized businesses to develop export opportunities into this growing market.

• Invest $425 million over five years to promote WA and showcase our beautiful State including the Ferguson Valley, Wellington National Park and towns in the South West.

• Work with industry to develop more landside destination options for the cruise ship sector, thus generating additional visitor spend and more local jobs.

• Deliver a revitalised train service to Bunbury and the South West bringing tourists to the south west and offering a faster journey between Bunbury and Perth.

• Develop specific tourism packages for all the towns and communities in the Collie-Preston region.

• Invest $3 million to develop Lake Kepwari as a recreational tourist destination.
• Invest $200,000 to develop walking facilities around Wellington Dam.

• Invest $250,000 to enhance facilities and amenities at Stockton Lake near Collie.

• Commit $100,000 towards a marketing campaign to promote Motoring South West.

• Allocate $1 million to install new boat ramps along the foreshore at Eaton.

• Allocate $500,000 towards planning and environmental studies for a new caravan park at Minninup Pool.

• Allocate $300,000 towards a marketing campaign to promote the Ferguson Valley and Wellington Forest areas.

• Allow accredited tour operators to sell and supply alcohol under prescribed circumstances.

• Introduce Western Australian Industry Participation Plans (WAIPPs) to ensure more local jobs on WA Government projects in the South West.

• Ensure more local content in State Government purchasing and on building and construction projects to better support local business and communities and create more jobs in Collie-Preston.

• 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 in the South West and local tender arrangements including to head contractors.

• Maximise the number of apprentices and trainees in the South West employed on government projects.

• Establish a New Industries Fund with a specific stream for regional WA and invest $4.5m into regional communities.

• Ensure that the South West Development Commission takes a more proactive role in maximising the value of local content delivered on Royalties for Regions projects in Collie-Preston.

**Putting Patients First in Collie-Preston**

A McGowan Labor Government will:

• Provide an additional $12.2 million to complete the upgrade of Collie Hospital.

• Invest $20 million to upgrade Bunbury Hospital including increasing the capacity to a 200 bed facility.

• Guarantee the delivery of a new Step Up Step Down facility in Bunbury.

• Expand specialist drug services into rural and regional areas of need and open a specialised rehabilitation centre in the Bunbury/Collie-Preston region.

• 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.

• Build WA’s first Medihotel in Perth to make extended hospital stays more comfortable for patients from the Collie-Preston region who are required to travel to Perth for treatment.

• Work with local health care providers to introduce Urgent Care Clinics in the Collie-Preston region.
• Make it easier for aged care providers in Collie-Preston to develop new facilities by identifying suitable land and removing existing planning and local government impediments.

• Allocate $500,000 to upgrade facilities at Valley View Residence aged care in Collie.

• 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:

• Build a new eight classroom block at Collie Senior High School.

• Build new science classrooms at Eaton Community College to replace outdated transportable classrooms.

• Provide $500,000 towards restoration work at Dardanup’s historic Our Lady of Lourdes school precinct.

• Build new classrooms at Eaton Primary School to replace transportable classrooms.

• Provide funding towards a new early learning centre at Glen Huon Primary School in partnership with the Parents and Citizens Association.

• Put more Education Assistants back in the classroom.

• 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 of $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.

• Provide a site for a childcare centre in the planning of every new public primary school.

• Provide 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.

• Support working parents trying to balance work and family responsibilities.

• 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 Collie-Preston 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 Collie-Preston region.
Services and Infrastructure

Police station for Capel

- A McGowan Labor Government will build a new police station at Capel.

Roads in Collie-Preston

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate an additional $15 million towards road improvements in Collie-Preston, including:
  - Upgrades for Raymond Road.
  - Widen the South Western Highway at Picton East with slip lanes to improve safety.
  - Upgrade the corner of Hynes Road and Forrest Highway to improve safety.
  - Widen 18 km of the Collie-Preston Road between Collie and Mumballup.
  - Extend the existing Dalyellup to Bunbury cycle path to Gelorup.
  - Undertake a staged upgrade of Collie Scenic Drive between Mungalup Road and Coalfields Highway.
  - Upgrade Brookdale Road Boyanup, between Fowler Road and South Western Highway.
  - Upgrade Wellington Forest Road, Wellington Forest (Gnomesville) between Pile Road and King Tree Road.
  - Complete the long-delayed Treendale bridge, connecting new developments in the Shires of Harvey and Dardanup.
  - A McGowan Labor Government will improve pedestrian safety with infrastructure on key roads.

Review of regional bus services

- A McGowan Labor Government will develop and implement a review of existing bus services as part of a long term plan for public transport for Bunbury, Eaton and Australind, regional centres like Collie and towns like Donnybrook and Capel.

Eaton Community Hub

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $2 million towards upgrading Eaton Bowling Club to create a Community Hub.

Donnybrook town centre revitalisation

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $2 million towards the Donnybrook town centre revitalisation.

Eaton to Australind waterfront historic walk trail

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $500,000 to develop a waterfront historic walk trail between Eaton and Australind.

Balingup Town Hall

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $200,000 to upgrade Balingup Town Hall.

Capel Town Centre revitalisation

- A McGowan Labor Government will contribute $2.3 million towards the Capel Town Centre revitalisation, in partnership with the Shire of Capel.

Crisis and Transitional accommodation in Collie

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $1.5 million to provide Collie based crisis and transitional accommodation for victims of family and domestic violence.
Upgrade Riverview Residence in Collie

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $2 million to upgrade and repurpose Riverview Residence.

Collie River revitalisation

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $250,000 to install a water-stop dam and undertake weed and salinity reduction programs as part of the Collie River revitalisation.

Collie Mineworkers Memorial Pool

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $2 million towards the construction of an indoor 25 metre pool at the Collie Mineworkers Pool.

Ban Fracking in the South West

- A McGowan Labor Government will ban fracking in the South West, Peel and the Perth metropolitan area.
Supporting the Future of Collie

WA Labor understands the concerns about the long-term future of the coal industry and its role in the Collie economy.

- A McGowan Labor Government will build the economic diversity of the Collie economy to support the growth of the jobs of the future.

The Plan outlined here will support the growth of industries across a range of sectors and build on the strength of the Collie community as a proud coal mining town.

A McGowan Labor Government is committed to building community sustainability and economic diversity by supporting local business, developing skills and creating jobs.

Collie Futures Fund

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $5 million per year to a Collie Futures Fund to drive economic diversity and create long term employment security for the people of Collie-Preston.

A McGowan Government will hold a comprehensive inquiry to investigate ways of ensuring the sustainability of the coal industry and identify further opportunities to diversify and expand Collie’s economic base.

In addition to the initiatives outlined here a Collie Futures Fund will be established that will provide a source of funding to assist in developing further economic opportunities identified by the inquiry.

There will be an allocation of $5m per year to the Collie Futures Fund.
Collie leading the way in renewable energy

Renewable energy is important to a future system of reliable and sustainable electricity production. Part of the cost of establishing a system-wide distribution of renewable energy such as solar power is the cost of the transmission network: the distribution infrastructure.

Power stations in and near Collie produce much of the state’s electricity with the Collie and Muja (the state’s largest single electricity producing station) power stations alone capable of producing more than 1600 Mega Watts of electricity.

Collie already has critical power infrastructure that connects power generation to the grid. New forms of power generation will be developed in Collie thereby utilising the existing infrastructure and providing the jobs of the future.

- A McGowan Labor Government will embrace and encourage innovative technologies and ensure that Collie has an important role to play in renewable power generation in the future.

Encouraging the renewable energy industry in Western Australia will diversify the economy and create jobs. An estimated 4,700 new jobs will be created in Western Australia’s electricity sector by 2030, with the majority of these being created in the renewable energy field.

WA Labor sees Collie as the energy hub of Western Australia and will continue to support Collie with renewable energy projects as WA and indeed the rest of the world, transitions from coal to other energy sources in the coming decades.

Given the proud role that Collie has played in energy production for the State a McGowan Labor Government will ensure that Collie has an important role to play in the production of energy through coal and renewable production into the future. This will create long term employment security for the people of Collie.

Establish a biomass energy plant

- A McGowan Labor Government will commit $30 million to support the building of a biomass energy plant in Collie and the planting of the necessary timber plantations in the region to grow the biomass feedstock.

Biomass energy is a form of renewable energy derived from organic matter such as plantation and waste timber. The Australian Renewable Energy Agency has identified the economic benefits of bioenergy including increasing Australia’s energy security, and stimulating regional development.

The biomass project provides environmental benefits in two main ways:

- it uses only timber waste, with no logging of native timber; the plantation timber provides a carbon sink on what was previously cleared land; and
- it utilises waste residue after timber is harvested, which otherwise would be burned or left on the floor to decompose and release carbon dioxide or methane.

The power station could provide renewable energy to the grid, helping WA meet its required target of 20 per cent of all grid connected energy being supplied from renewable sources by 2020.

Federal Government funding would be sought through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency, the Clean Energy Finance Corporation and private sector capital through a partnership agreement with Synergy.
Establish a Solar Plant

Collie has more sunny days per year than Germany, the world’s largest solar power producing country. It also has existing transmission infrastructure which provides economies of scale and so is ideally placed to include solar power into its energy producing portfolio.

A McGowan Labor Government will support the establishment of a solar farm in Collie as part of the plan to ensure that Collie is a major producer of energy for future generations.

- A McGowan Labor Government will commit $30 million to support the establishment of a solar farm in Collie providing the jobs of the future for the people of Collie-Preston.

Establish a pumped hydro demonstration plant

- A McGowan Labor Government will commit $100,000 to an engineering pre-feasibility study for the potential development of a demonstration mine-void pumped hydro facility in Collie.

Pumped hydro is a process where excess energy - from for example solar photovoltaic (PVs) or wind turbines - produced intermittently is used to pump water into a holding dam for later controlled release when the energy has a higher value.

By utilising the old mine voids that sit around Collie, renewable energy “on demand” can be produced. The process involves building a wall around the sides of a void and pumping water from the lower part of the void into the dam created by the wall. By releasing the flow at night through a hydroelectric plant, green dispatchable energy is created.

Energy to drive the pumps would be drawn from other renewable projects.

Federal Government funding would be sought through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency and private sector capital through a partnership agreement with Synergy.

Collie TAFE: Major Upgrade

- A McGowan Labor Government will fund a major upgrade of Collie TAFE and work with industry to provide training in a whole range of mining industry jobs.

The skills applied by open-cut coal miners are transferable to a whole range of mining industry jobs including open-cut mining and civil engineering earth works.

Collie has many experienced, highly-skilled workers. A major upgrade of Collie TAFE with a focus on the skills needed to be a work ready for all mining industry jobs would provide an opportunity to draw on the expertise of local employees including as trainers and mentors.

Modelled on the highly successful Australian Centre for Engineering and Process Technology (ACEPT) at Challenger TAFE a McGowan Labor Government will work with industry to source the relevant equipment and work experience opportunities with local companies in Collie.

The quality of training and the expertise in WA has allowed ACEPT to attract overseas students, boosting local jobs in industry and training.

Western Australia is geographically close and within the same time zone as many key Asian nations, many of whom have expanding mining industries.
Development of Industrial Land

A McGowan Labor Government will drive the development of serviced industrial land at Shotts in Collie and Kemerton Industrial Park under the auspices of the newly established Industrial Lands Authority (ILA).

- A McGowan Labor Government will bring the development of industrial land in the Collie region under the auspices of the Industrial Lands Authority to develop serviced, ready to use industrial land.

The ILA will cut red tape, remove agency duplication and the barriers to future investment. This will drive future development of our industrial lands and technology parks and create local jobs for Western Australians.

The ILA will promote, assist or offer incentives to attract regional business investment, under the broad economic provisions of the Industry and Technology Development Act 1998.

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 regional WA and create new job opportunities throughout WA.

Developing Serviced Industrial Land at Shotts

There are no services currently provided at Shotts Park. This is an impediment to businesses developing their operations there.

- A McGowan Labor Government will develop the necessary infrastructure to attract new businesses and reinvigorate Shotts Industrial Park in Collie.

The development of the infrastructure will include power, water and drainage, adding to the value of the Industrial Lands Authority asset base.

A commitment to local content on the infrastructure development at Shotts will provide opportunities for local businesses to contract for work, creating local jobs and supporting the local economy.
Kemerton Food Hub Growing Jobs

• **A McGowan Labor Government will engage with stakeholders to develop a food hub at Kemerton.**

By locating a food manufacturing hub in Kemerton the packaging, distribution and transport of food products from the South West could be bought together.

Food hubs or Co-ops work directly with farmers to assist in the marketing and distribution of their projects making it easier for local businesses and communities to access fresh local food.

Many farmers are challenged by the lack of distribution and processing infrastructure of appropriate scale that would give them wider access to retail, institutional and commercial food service markets. A regional food hub allows farmers to gain entry into new and additional markets that would be difficult to access on their own.

**Rail access to Kemerton – creating new opportunities**

Kemerton Industrial Park is 17 kilometres north east of the City of Bunbury. Kemerton has land available for new industries to establish themselves alongside the national and international companies located in the Park. New industries at Kemerton will provide additional job opportunities for people in Collie, Eaton, Australind, Donnybrook, Capel, Balingup and other towns in Collie-Preston.

While access to Kemerton is currently available via excellent road transport links, its potential could be unlocked with a rail link to the existing freight rail system in the South West and to the Bunbury Port. This will create opportunities for new business development such as lithium processing.

• **A McGowan Labor Government will contribute $10 million towards establishing rail access to Kemerton Industrial Park to create opportunities for new business development such as lithium processing.**

Subject to negotiations with Brookfield Rail, the company operating the existing freight rail network in the South West, a rail line linking Kemerton Industrial Park with Bunbury Port and with the existing freight rail system could be established to create new opportunities for industry and job creation in the South West region.

One such new opportunity could come from the demand for lithium battery technology used in solar power systems, electric vehicles and other systems. The Greenbushes lithium mine is the largest in the world, producing approximately 76 per cent of the world’s spodumene ore, the raw material containing lithium and currently processes the spodumene into lithium concentrates.

With rail access to Kemerton, the processing of lithium could be greatly expanded through a new facility, creating many new jobs in the South West.

WA Labor will assist Kemerton to develop its potential as an industrial hub for the South West to diversify the South West economy and create jobs in Collie-Preston.
Agriculture Exports into Asia

With the growth in the world’s population and the demand for high quality food and products, WA has an opportunity to grow and export our agricultural products into the Asian region.

- A McGowan Labor Government will develop an Asian Business Strategy including a regional business portal to support small and medium sized businesses to develop export opportunities into this growing market.

The trend in agricultural niche markets has positioned WA well for a burgeoning Asian middle class where premium products are becoming more desirable.

The development of a food processing hub at Kemerton, together with a proactive Asian Business Strategy focused on increasing export opportunities into the Asian region, will provide opportunities for significant job growth and diversify the local economy in the region.

Agricultural production in WA has a gross value of $11 billion (2013-14) and is the State’s second largest employer providing employment for more than 30,000 Western Australians.

Investment in Tourism

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 five years to promote WA and showcase our beautiful State including the Ferguson Valley, Wellington National Park and towns in the South West.

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.

The economic benefits that come from Brand WA will have a broad contribution to the regional economy in terms of manufacturing, business investment, job creation, agriculture, hospitality and export opportunities.

There are many opportunities to enhance the visitor experience in Collie and the surrounding areas by investing in infrastructure to support an expanding tourism market and marketing to attract more visitors.
Landside activities for cruise ship passengers

Cruise ships docking at Bunbury Port can provide opportunities for tourism businesses inland in the Ferguson Valley, Wellington Forest and individual towns in the region.

A coordinated approach, backed by a sustainable plan to promote Bunbury as a cruise ship destination, is required to position Bunbury and its region, as an attractive proposition for investment and a destination for international visitors.

Properly serviced by made-to-measure shore excursions and dockside facilities, cruise ship tourism can be hugely beneficial. With as many as 2,000 passengers on larger ships, and a dedicated cruise ship berth, Bunbury and surrounding towns like Collie, Donnybrook, Balingup, Capel and the Ferguson Valley could reap the benefits of potentially 18,000 extra international visitors per year.

- A McGowan Labor Government will work with industry to develop more landside destination options for the cruise ship sector, thus generating additional visitor spend and more local jobs.

Improved Australind train service

A McGowan Labor Government is committed to delivering a revitalised Australind rail service that will support the needs of the growing communities and deliver an economic benefit to all the towns and communities in the Collie-Preston region.

- A McGowan Labor Government will deliver a revitalised train service to Bunbury and the South West bringing tourists to the south west and offering a faster journey between Bunbury and Perth.

Part of a revitalised Australind service will include an assessment of needs at train stations along the line and improvements, especially in terms of access for people with disabilities.

A revitalised Australind train service has a key part to play in bringing those visitors to all the towns and communities in the Collie-Preston region. It will also help further develop outdoor and adventure packages around Wellington National Park and the Collie River.

A coordinated approach between government, accommodation providers and local tourism operators is needed to make the most of the new service.

- A McGowan Labor Government will develop specific tourism packages for all the towns and communities in the Collie-Preston region linked to a revitalised Australind Service.
Lake Kepwari

- A McGowan Labor Government will invest $3 million to develop Lake Kepwari as a recreational tourist destination.

The Lake Kepwari development will establish the area as a water-based tourism precinct with a focus on powerboat-based activities, including water-skiing, wake-boarding, tubing, jet-skiing and the like.

Boating infrastructure, public facilities and road access will be developed providing the foundations for future private and public sector development.

Wellington Dam

- A McGowan Labor Government will invest $200,000 to develop walking facilities around Wellington Dam.

The formation of a three-to-four-day circuit walk trail from Collie around the Wellington Dam will include basic camping areas set up at relevant points along the trail, connecting to the Bibbulmun Track and further enhancing the tourism appeal of the region to visitors.

Stockton Lake

- A McGowan Labor Government will invest $250,000 to enhance facilities and amenities at Stockton Lake near Collie.

The funds will be used to tidy up and improve the area with the installation of suitable boating infrastructure and amenities.
**Motoring South West**

- **A McGowan Labor Government will commit $100,000 towards a marketing campaign to promote Motoring South West.**

Collie Motorplex, the home of Motoring South West is the South West’s premier motorsports facility and has a year-round program of motorsport events, as well as hosting driver education training and providing a safe environment for car enthusiasts to tune and test their vehicles.

Support to market the Motorplex will attract visitors to Collie for special events and to use the facilities, providing a boost for Collie’s economy and creating jobs in the region.

**Eaton foreshore boat ramps**

- **A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $1 million to install new boat ramps along the foreshore at Eaton.**

Boating along the Collie River near Eaton is a popular pastime and the existing facilities for launching watercraft are under increasing pressure. New boat ramps will help ease congestion at launching facilities, especially during popular holiday times.

**Minninup Pool Tourist Caravan Park**

- **A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $500,000 towards planning and environmental studies for a new caravan park at Minninup Pool.**

There is a shortage of nature-based, short stay facilities in the Collie region. Minninup Pool is well-used for recreation activities and is an ideal location for a new caravan and campground only five minutes from the centre of town.

A new campground and caravan park would allow visitors and locals to make better use of the beautiful natural pool and surrounding bush environment, boosting tourism numbers and helping to diversify the local economy.

**Ferguson Valley/Wellington Forest**

- **A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $300,000 towards a marketing campaign to promote the Ferguson Valley and Wellington Forest areas.**

The Ferguson Valley and Wellington Forest areas are hidden gems in the South West. With the combination of wineries, bed and breakfast and chalet accommodation, restaurants, towering jarrah forest and rolling green farmland, the region has much to offer.

Although visitor numbers are increasing, a targeted marketing campaign will do much to boost numbers and increase job opportunities for the people of Collie, Eaton, Australind, Dardanup, Donnybrook and other towns in the area.
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 Collie and the South West.

We need to encourage a more tourism-friendly hospitality culture by allowing simple measures such 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 tourists 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.
Local Content to deliver local jobs in Collie-Preston

WA Labor believes that more should be done to deliver skilled jobs in Collie-Preston.

A McGowan Labor Government is committed to ensuring more local content in State Government purchasing and on building and construction projects. This will ensure that more local businesses benefit from State Government investment in Collie-Preston.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will introduce Western Australian Industry Participation Plans (WAIPPs) to ensure more local jobs on WA Government projects in the South West.**

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.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will ensure more local content in State Government purchasing and on building and construction projects to better support local business and communities and create more jobs in Collie-Preston.**

The WAIPPs will apply to procurement activities in construction or major projects in regional cities and the rest of Western Australia which meet or exceed more than $500,000 for procurement activities in the supply of new equipment, services or capital investments.

In regional WA the WAIPPs will be implemented in conjunction with an enhanced Buy Local policy.

Loopholes that exist in the current buy local policies means regional WA is not experiencing the full benefit of investment in the regions. A recent analysis shows that the regional business preference eligibility was applied to just 17 per cent of the 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.**

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 regional WA employed on government projects.**
Regional New Industries Fund

Innovation in regional WA will boost the local economy and create further opportunities for job growth.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will establish a New Industries Fund with a specific stream for regional WA and will invest $4.5m into regional communities.**

The South West Development Commission together with the other Development Commissions will identify locations to develop business incubators to foster and accelerate regional based startup and innovation enterprises.

The resources sector has been a major driver of new technologies and research expertise in the regions for many years. As this sector transitions to an operational phase, it is important that we retain the technology and specialist skills to drive new industries in regional WA. This complements the initiative to fund a major upgrade of Collie TAFE. (See Page 11).

This will ensure there is a focus on innovation as a future driver of our regional economies.

South West Development Commission supporting jobs in Collie-Preston

The role of the South West Development Commission is to lead and support sustainable development in the South West region.

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

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 South West Regional Development Commission website. This will allow local businesses and job seekers to have a single portal to access opportunities in their region.
Collie Hospital upgrade

A McGowan Labor Government is committed to delivering a quality health system to the people of Collie-Preston.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will provide an additional $12.2 million to complete the upgrade of Collie Hospital.**

The Collie Hospital is in urgent need of an extensive upgrade. However the Liberal National Government, after eight years in government has dragged its heels and only allocated $7.8 million to start the upgrade in 2016.

The project requires $20 million for a more comprehensive upgrade, so a McGowan Labor Government will ensure the remaining $12.2 million is allocated to complete this important project. The construction work will create local jobs for Collie, while the new facilities will provide a working environment that will attract health professionals to Collie to service the area’s health needs.

A new Vision for Bunbury Hospital

Bunbury Hospital has served the community well for many years and the staff at the 164 bed Bunbury Hospital provide an outstanding service. However with the region’s growing population, Bunbury Hospital’s services are increasingly stressed and the health professionals under pressure.

In 2014-15 40,310 people presented to Bunbury Hospital Emergency Department and by 2015-16, this had increased to 40,514. The pressure on the Hospital’s High Dependency Unit increased in that time by almost 60 per cent, with 412 admissions in 14-15 and 656 in 15-16.

To ease this pressure WA Labor will undertake a major upgrade of Bunbury Hospital including increasing its size to a 200 bed facility.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will invest $20 million to upgrade Bunbury Hospital including increasing the capacity to a 200 bed facility.**
Step-Up Step-Down

In 2013 the Liberal Government announced that they would build sub-acute mental health facilities in Karratha and Bunbury with work to commence in 2013/14. They broke this promise but ahead of the 2017 State election have again committed to funding these two facilities.

A McGowan Labor Government is committed to delivering important mental health facilities in Bunbury and will not break its promise on this important issue.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will guarantee the delivery of a new Step Up Step Down facility in Bunbury.**

Mental Health is a critical area of State Government responsibility and community concern. These concerns arise out of a high level of unmet need for Western Australians with mental health conditions who are unable to access appropriate mental health beds, support and services.

Specialised Drug treatment

The impact of methamphetamine addiction on regional communities in WA has been devastating. Earlier this year more than 40 former ice users and their families met in Bunbury to discuss how to best tackle the scourge of methamphetamine use in regional WA.

They called for urgent rehabilitation services in the South West: “The need’s phenomenal, people need somewhere to go to get clean. They can’t just do it on their own.” There is a distinct lack of services available in regional communities. WA Labor recognises the importance of having these services available close to home where family and the community can remain connected.

- **A McGowan Labor Government will expand specialist drug services into rural and regional areas of need and open a specialised rehabilitation centre in the Bunbury/Collie-Preston region.**

The final location of the centre will be determined following consultation with service providers and the community to ensure that the best clinical outcomes are achieved. Within the model of treatment, WA Labor’s Methamphetamine Action Plan will include support services that cater for the long withdrawal and recovery period and high relapse rate associated with methamphetamine use.


Specialist Services in the Future

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

The provision of specialist services in Collie-Preston will be considered as part of a McGowan Labor Government’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.**
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 regions who are required to travel 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.

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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.
Urgent Care Clinics

A McGowan Labor Government will introduce Urgent Care Clinics in the Collie-Preston region to reduce the pressure on the hospital emergency department 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 introduce Urgent Care Clinics in the Collie-Preston region.

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

Provision of Aged Care to Free up Hospital Beds

Regional Western Australia 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 who would much prefer to be with friends and family in an aged care facility.

There are 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 Collie-Preston 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.

Upgrade Valley View Residence aged care facility

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $500,000 to upgrade facilities at Valley View Residence aged care in Collie.

Valley View residence is a 64 bed aged care facility in Collie providing residential aged care, secure dementia care and respite care. The residence’s facilities are outdated and require an upgrade to improve the quality of accommodation for Collie’s seniors.
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 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.

St John Country Ambulance Service

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 John Ambulance Service and relevant stakeholders to ensure the issues facing our country ambulance services are identified and addressed.

For further information on WA Labor’s health policies go to www.markmcgowan.com.au/health
Specific Infrastructure Announcements

A McGowan Government will build better schools and upgrade existing schools so that our children can get the best education they deserve in well maintained facilities that support the modern educational needs of our students.

A McGowan Labor Government will invest in education and create the best learning environment for our students.

- A McGowan Labor Government will build a new eight classroom block at Collie Senior High School.

A new eight-classroom block to replace ageing transportable classrooms was promised by the Liberal Party in the 2013 election but has failed to materialise. WA Labor will allocate $7.5 million to build those classrooms.

- A McGowan Labor Government will build new science classrooms at Eaton Community College to replace outdated transportable classrooms.

Eaton Community College has seen its student numbers increase by 43 per cent since 2012 and new science classrooms are needed to replace ageing transportable classrooms. WA Labor will allocate $5 million to upgrade the facilities for Eaton.

Primary schools in Dardanup and Eaton will also receive much needed improvements.

A McGowan Labor Government will:

- Provide $500,000 towards restoration work at Dardanup’s historic Our Lady of Lourdes school precinct.

- Build new classrooms at Eaton Primary School to replace transportable classrooms.

- Provide funding towards a new early learning centre at Glen Huon Primary School in partnership with the Parents and Citizens Association.
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 literacy and 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 fewer 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 the time that early childhood and lower years’ students are at school, meaning less support for students and more pressure on teachers.

• A McGowan Government will put more Education Assistants back in the classroom.

Science in Primary Schools

A WA Labor Government will invest in our schools for the jobs of the future. Coding, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) 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 of $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 fewer 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 of areas.
Direct to Market (D2M)

A McGowan Labor Government will introduce a direct-to-market (D2M) maintenance and minor capital works model that will provide efficiency in service delivery and better value for money for schools. This will help schools address the backlog of maintenance issues within their schools.

- 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.
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.

A McGowan Labor Government will:

• Provide a site for a childcare centre in the planning of every new public primary school.
• Provide 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.
• Support working parents trying to balance work and family responsibilities.

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.

Plan for TAFE

TAFE will remain a modern responsive training organisation that will drive the future economic development of our State. Under WA Labor’s Plan for Jobs, 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.

TAFE 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 Collie-Preston 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 South West.

Collie TAFE: Major Upgrade

- A McGowan Labor Government will Fund a major upgrade of Collie TAFE and work with industry to provide training in a whole range of mining industry jobs.

For more detail see page 11.
Police station for Capel

- A McGowan Labor Government will build a new police station at Capel.

WA Labor will increase the police presence in local communities and build a new police station at Capel. Western Australia’s crime statistics have surged to unprecedented levels in recent years, with 2015-16 recorded as the worst year in crime under the Liberal-National Government.

Capel Police Station will enhance the police presence in local communities and boost community safety in Capel, Dalyellup and surrounding areas.

Roads in Collie-Preston

With the alarming number of deaths on country roads, a McGowan Labor Government will invest an additional $15 million in road infrastructure in the Collie-Preston area to fix the roads detailed here.

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate an additional $15 million towards road improvements in Collie-Preston, including:
  - Upgrades for Raymond Road.
  - Widen the South Western Highway at Picton East with slip lanes to improve safety.
  - Upgrade the corner of Hynes Road and Forrest Highway to improve safety.
  - Widen 18 km of the Collie-Preston Road between Collie and Mumballup.
  - Extend the existing Dalyellup to Bunbury cycle path to Gelorup.
  - Undertake a staged upgrade of Collie Scenic Drive between Mungalup Road and Coalfields Highway.
  - Upgrade Brookdale Road Boyanup, between Fowler Road and South Western Highway.
  - Upgrade Wellington Forest Road, Wellington Forest (Gnomesville) between Pile Road and King Tree Road.
  - Complete the long-delayed Treendale bridge, connecting new developments in the Shires of Harvey and Dardanup.

WA Labor will undertake a number of pedestrian safety oriented projects including installing flashing speed signs at St Mary’s Primary School in Donnybrook, reconfiguring the road at the corner of South Western Highway and Bridge Street Boyanup to install a pedestrian crossing and putting another crossing on South Western Highway in Boyanup.

- A McGowan Labor Government will improve pedestrian safety with infrastructure on key roads.
Review of regional bus services

- A McGowan Labor Government will develop and implement a review of existing bus services as part of a long term plan for public transport for Bunbury, Eaton and Australind, regional centres like Collie and towns like Donnybrook and Capel.

Residents of centres close to Bunbury such as Eaton, Australind, Collie, Capel, Donnybrook, Balingup and other towns need to travel to Bunbury to access the services the city has to offer. Some of those residents do not have access to a car or would prefer the option of public transport into Bunbury.

WA Labor will ensure there is a systematic approach to long term planning for regional bus services and that those services are part of an integrated transport plan for Bunbury and surrounding areas.

Eaton Community Hub

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $2 million towards upgrading Eaton Bowling Club to create a Community Hub.

Eaton Bowling Club is a long established community group in continuous operation since 1966. It has reached a point where it needs to diversify and increase accessibility for other community groups and activities. A McGowan Labor Government will assist the Eaton Bowling Club to upgrade its facilities so community, business, local sport, youth and volunteering events can be held on the premises.

Upgrades would provide a dedicated function room, kitchen upgrade, office space and other infrastructure improvements to create a Community Hub accessible to the Eaton community.
Donnybrook town centre revitalisation

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $2 million towards the Donnybrook town centre revitalisation.

Town centre upgrades will include a new heritage precinct and a museum showcasing the history of the apple industry to link with and compliment the Apple Fun Park.

Eaton to Australind waterfront historic walk trail

The area between Eaton and Australind has a rich heritage, from the timeless Noongar stories to the more recent European stories such as that of Irish political convict John Boyle O’Reilly who famously escaped from Buffalo Beach onto an American whaling ship that took him to Boston.

This history can be shared with walkers through the establishment of a walk trail with interpretive signs along the way. Such a trail will provide an attraction for visitors and residents looking for active recreational pursuits.

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $500,000 to develop a waterfront historic walk trail between Eaton and Australind.

The Leschenault Historic Walk Trail will celebrate the rich heritage of the area and provide a tourist attraction, telling the story of the area.

Stories of the traditional owners, the Noongar people will be celebrated along the walk which will travel along the Leschenault Inlet.

The Leschenault inlet is home to a number of bird species and is a marine nursery. It is regularly visited by dolphins. Sights of these natural wonders along the trail will add to the experience for users.
**Balingup Town Hall**

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $200,000 to upgrade Balingup Town Hall.

Balingup Town Hall is the town’s principal local asset for meetings, events, concerts, and other community activities. The hall is in need of maintenance and upgrades to bring it up to a modern standard and ensure the Balingup community has a quality dedicated facility for community events and activities.

**Capel Town Centre revitalisation**

- A McGowan Labor Government will contribute $2.3 million towards the Capel Town Centre revitalisation, in partnership with the Shire of Capel.

The Capel town site is the major administrative, community and economic centre for the Shire of Capel and the Shire has been proactive in establishing a coordinated plan for the town centre’s revitalisation. WA Labor will support this revitalisation of Capel town centre in line with Capel Shire plans.

**Crisis and Transitional accommodation in Collie**

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $1.5 million to provide Collie based crisis and transitional accommodation for victims of family and domestic violence

This funding will enable the refurbishment of the old nuns’ quarters at St Brigid’s church to provide crisis accommodation for victims of domestic violence and others in need of urgent housing for up to 10 residents at a time.

**Upgrade Riverview Residence in Collie**

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $2 million to upgrade and repurpose Riverview Residence

Riverview Residence is in need of significant upgrades to bring it up to a modern standard to attract and retain over-55s for their retirement years. Collie’s facilities must be upgraded to keep pace with surrounding localities to ensure the town continues to draw new residents and the economic and social benefits they bring to the town. Increasing the number of over-55s in Collie will increase economic activity and create jobs.

**Collie River revitalisation**

- A McGowan Labor Government will allocate $250,000 to install a water-stop dam and undertake weed and salinity reduction programs as part of the Collie River revitalisation.

Collie residents have had concerns about the health of the Collie River for many years with invasive weeds choking the river and salinity levels affecting the health of the river and Wellington Dam.

WA Labor values the dedicated work of the regional volunteer groups such as the Leschenault Catchment Council and local groups like the Collie Weeds and Waterways Advisory Committee – which grew out of the Collie Weed Action Group.

A McGowan Labor Government looks forward to working with these community organisations to improve the health of the Collie River.
Collie Mineworkers Memorial Pool

- A McGowan Labor Government will contribute $2 million towards the construction of an indoor 25 metre pool at the Collie Mineworkers Pool.

Collie Mineworkers Memorial Pool is an outdoor heated pool. To provide a year-round swimming venue and options for activities such as seniors’ water exercises classes and hydrotherapy, an indoor pool is planned. WA Labor will contribute $2 million towards this project with remaining funds to be provided through local government and other sources.

Ban Fracking in 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 a stronger legislative framework and baseline data for landowners, aboriginal communities, resource companies, environmentalists, community members and relevant 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 forests and waterways are popular tourism destinations.

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

- A McGowan Labor Government will ban fracking in the South West, Peel and the Perth metropolitan area.
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Plan for Collie-Preston

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