Pilbara Recovery Plan

The Pilbara Recovery Plan is part of the next step in our COVID-19 journey. It’s part of WA’s $5.5 billion overarching State plan, focused on building infrastructure, economic, health and social outcomes.

The Pilbara Recovery Plan will deliver a pipeline of jobs in sectors including construction, manufacturing, tourism and hospitality, renewable energy, education and training, agriculture, conservation and mining.

WA’s recovery is a joint effort, it’s about Government working with industry together. We managed the pandemic together as a community. Together, we will recover.

Investing in our Schools and Rebuilding our TAFE Sector

- $42 million for the redevelopment of Roebourne District High School from kindergarten to secondary school, with specific programs to engage Aboriginal children
- $22 million for upgrades and to expand Karratha Senior High School to help meet growth in student numbers, including a new classroom block that will deliver specialist technology learning rooms including engineering, robotics, information technology, media studies, food technology, textiles, woodwork and metalwork and STEM
- $4 million for a residential facility in Newman to support Martu students from remote communities to participate in secondary education at Newman Senior High School and VET programs
- $3.5 million for new early childhood buildings for kindergarten and pre-primary students at Wickham Primary School
- $22 million to North Regional TAFE’s Pundulmurra (South Hedland) campus for a new workshop to expand training for plant mechanic and engineering trades as well as commercial cookery, tailored to meet resource sector requirements
- $5 million to North Regional TAFE’s Minurmarghali Mia (Roebourne) campus for a new classroom block to expand and deliver training in more modern facilities
- $25 million for free TAFE short courses to upskill thousands of West Australians, with a variety of free courses available North Regional TAFE’s Karratha, Minurmarghali Mia (Roebourne), Newman, Pundulmurra (South Hedland) and Tom Price campuses

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• $32 million to expand the Lower Fees, Local Skills program and significantly reduce TAFE fees across 39 high priority courses
• $4.8 million for the Apprenticeship and Traineeship Re-engagement Incentive that provides employers with a one-off payment of $6,000 for hiring an apprentice and $3,000 for hiring a trainee, whose training contract was terminated on, or after, 1 March 2020 due to the economic downturn

Driving Tourism in the Pilbara Region

• $10 million to build the access road in Murujuga National Park to support the development of the Living Knowledge Centre and World Heritage Listing
• $25,000 towards a tourism and development management plan for the culturally significant Aboriginal site at Two Mile Ridge Protected Area that features a vast amount of engravings
• $450,000 for conservation works at Roebourne Gaol
• $1.02 million for upgrades at Karijini National Park including the access path at Fortescue Falls Lookout and visitor facilities at Dales campground
• $400,000 for upgrades to visitor facilities in national parks across the Pilbara including buildings, trails, camp sites and roads

Investing in Industry across the Pilbara Region

• $10.5 million to upgrade the entrance road to Boodarie Strategic Industrial Area in Hedland
• $20 million for Port Hedland’s Inner Harbour for upgrading retaining and sea walls
• $51.2 million to Nelson Point Tug Haven for upgrading retaining and sheet pile walls
• $7.6 million towards the development of an LNG bunkering hub in the Pilbara by offering concessional port fees for LNG ships refuelling in the Pilbara
• An additional $5 million to the Exploration Incentive Scheme in 2020-21 to help accelerate exploration investment across WA and the Pilbara
• $116 million for the Regional Land Booster Package that will make residential, commercial and industrial lots more affordable including residential lots in Karratha, Onslow, Newman and South Hedland and industrial lots in Karratha and Hedland
• $8.3 million to grow the value of the northern beef industry through the Northern Beef Development program, which will support productivity improvements across pastoral land and the northern cattle herd, and increase Aboriginal capacity and job opportunities
• $3.3 million for an accelerated funding round of the Pilbara Environmental Offsets Fund that combines offset contributions from mining companies to enable strategic conservation programs that improve vegetation and biodiversity outcomes and create green jobs
• Implementing the revamped WA Buy Local Policy 2020 to ensure State Government agencies prioritise local businesses based in the regional location in which works or services are being delivered
• $10 million towards the Clean Energy Future Fund to invest in clean energy technologies

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Building Infrastructure across the Pilbara Region

• $1.7 million to install a Battery Energy System in Marble Bar to improve grid capacity and enable more customers to install solar panels
• $1 million towards upgrades to the Newman Waste Water Treatment Plant
• $1.63 million towards maintenance and infrastructure upgrades in remote Aboriginal communities including Walagunya, Irrungadji, Gooda Binya and Yandeyarra
• $10 million through the Regional Road Safety Program to upgrade 85 kilometres of Pilbara roads with shoulder sealing and installation of audible lines, creating around 50 local jobs
• $80 million for targeted maintenance programs for regional social, remote and government workers housing properties, including approximately 2,500 homes in the Pilbara
• $141.7 million to refurbish social housing across WA’s ageing housing stock, including approximately 130 homes in the Pilbara
• $97 million to build new social housing including around 5 to 10 properties in the Pilbara
• $490,000 for upgrades at the Karratha Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service station
• $710,000 for upgrades at the South Hedland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service station
• $2 million to provide water tanks to volunteer Bush Fire Brigades across WA

Supporting our Communities

• $9.77 million for Aboriginal regional suicide prevention plans in each region of WA, prioritising Aboriginal-led and locally endorsed initiatives that accommodate a culturally informed social and emotional wellbeing approach to suicide prevention
• $8.6 million of funding for additional outreach workers across WA, including two workers based in the Pilbara, to provide support to women and children experiencing or at further risk of family and domestic violence
• $6.7 million to bolster the State’s family and domestic violence response teams, including one additional community sector team member in the Pilbara, to support victims of family and domestic violence after a police call-out
• $1.1 million over two years for counselling, advocacy and support services across WA, including three services in the Pilbara
• $4.2 million to continue the Aboriginal Governance and Leadership Development program to help increase economic participation of Aboriginal people in regional WA
• $1.5 million to deliver financial counselling services across regional WA
• Establish a regional deployment pool of metropolitan clinical staff that can be deployed at short notice to regional locations across WA to support healthcare delivery

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Immediate Response

As the COVID-19 pandemic took hold, the McGowan Government was quick to announce $2.77 billion in relief and stimulus measures to protect Western Australians across the State and support the economy.

**Immediate Response**

- **$2.77 billion**
  - Support for WA businesses: $942.8 million
  - Reduce or freeze household fees and charges and assist with energy payments: $556 million
  - Boosting WA housing construction and Keystart: $456 million
  - Health and frontline service delivery: $487 million
  - Relief for crisis care organisations and not-for-profit sports, arts and community groups: $159 million
  - Police resourcing package: $91.2 million
  - Tourism industry grants: $14.4 million
  - Residential rent support: $30 million
  - Payments to maintain apprentices and trainees: $30.6 million