

COLLIE COMMUNITY FACT SHEET

Western Australia's State-owned coal power stations will be retired by 2030 - as the continued uptake of rooftop solar and renewables forces changes in the energy system to ensure a stable electricity supply and guard against higher power bills.

Collie Power Station will close in 2027 and Muja D in 2029. As previously announced, Muja C's Unit 5 will close later this year and Unit 6 in April 2025.

An estimated \$3.8 billion will be invested in new power infrastructure in the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) - including wind generation and storage - to ensure continued supply stability and affordability.

Without the decision to retire the power stations, over the next decade WA would either see major electricity price hikes or taxpayers would be forced to fund billions of dollars of subsidies to keep the system running.

A new \$547.4 million Collie Transition Package will support the town of Collie and surrounding regions over the next decade, to grow new industries and local jobs - bringing the McGowan Government's investment in the town's transition to over \$662 million.

These initiatives will create new local industrial and blue collar jobs to make sure the local workforce has the opportunity to transition into new, high quality roles in the Collie area.

Power Station Retirement Dates

Power Station	Operations
Muja C Unit 5	Operating until October 2022
Muja C Unit 6	Operating until 1 April 2025
Collie Power Station	Operating until October 2027
Muja D Unit 7	Operating until October 2029
Muja D Unit 8	Operating until October 2029
Bluewaters Power Station	Subject to decisions of private owners

Collie Coal Mine Impacts

Coal Mine	Supports	Operations
Premier Coal	Collie Power Station Muja Power Station Other industry	Government will work with Premier Coal to ensure stability and security of supply throughout transition to 2030.
Griffin Coal	Bluewaters Power Station Other industry	Subject to decisions of private owners

\$547.4 MILLION PACKAGE FOR COLLIE

\$200m Collie Industrial Transition Fund

- Attract major projects and new industry to Collie
- Supporting industrial land readiness in Collie
- Targeted funding to secure major industrial projects
- Attract new manufacturing industries such as battery manufacturing, wind turbine manufacturing, hydrogen, green cement and minerals processing

Power Station Decommissioning

- Estimated \$300m pipeline of decommissioning work, immediately following each power station closure
- Support workforce transition for Synergy and coal mine workforce

\$2m to expand the Collie Futures Small Grants Program

- Continue funding important local projects
- Supporting local Collie small businesses to grow

\$4.4m expand the Collie Delivery Unit

- Oversee and support the whole-of-government delivery of the Government's commitments to Collie

\$12m to expand the Collie Jobs and Skills Centre and provide free skills assessments and training, bringing the total to \$16.9m

- A one stop shop in Collie for workforce transition services offering free career, training and employment advice for both individuals and businesses
- Fee-free skills assessments and recognition of prior learning to utilise workers' existing skills and knowledge to get a formal qualification, and identify any skills gaps
- Provide free training for impacted workers who wish to undertake either a full qualification or a short course
- The Centre will also help connect jobseekers with employment opportunities and help employers attract and recruit employees

\$5m for new onsite training facilities

- New onsite training facilities to be co-located with the power stations or mines, so training can be provided where it is needed
- Specialised training equipment for decommissioning work

\$4m for Collie Futures Curriculum Fund

- Develop industry specific skills training to meet emerging skill needs in Collie
- Available to South Regional TAFE as well as private providers

For additional information please visit
[WA.GOV.AU/COLLIEJUSTTRANSITION](https://www.wa.gov.au/colliejusttransition)

THE STORY SO FAR

The McGowan Government has been working closely with the Collie community, workers and industry since 2019 to lay the foundations for its transition. Over \$115 million has already been invested in initiatives to attract industry and diversify the economy, and is delivering results.

Tourism

The McGowan Government has invested \$38 million into local tourism infrastructure and visitor amenities. This has seen a 73% increase in tourists visiting Collie from 2019 to 2021, supporting local small business.

Highlights include:

- \$10m for Collie mountain bike and hiking trails
- \$5.2m for upgrades at Lake Kepwari
- \$1.5m for Wellington Dam mural and Collie Mural Trail
- \$3.6m to expand Wellington National Park and upgrade visitor facilities
- \$1.1m for Throssell Street façade upgrades
- \$180,000 for a Small Business Advisor to help business become tourism ready

Tourism projects in the pipeline:

- \$10m to replace the traffic bridge at Wellington Dam to cater for increased visitors
- \$537,000 to expand the Collie Visitors Centre
- \$362,000 for the Collie Replica Underground Mine upgrade
- \$450,000 for a new pump track at the Collie Visitors Centre



Collie mountain bike and hiking trails



Attracting new industry

Highlights include:

- \$2.5m to Frontline Fire and Emergency Equipment to establish an emergency services vehicle manufacturing facility in Collie
- \$13.4m for the Koolinup Emergency Services Centre, a multipurpose facility that includes an Incident Control Centre
- \$2m towards the WesTrac Autonomous Technology Training Facility, with over 350 students completing their training at the facility since it opened

Projects in the pipeline:

- \$2m to International Graphite towards downstream processing of graphite
- \$2m to Renergi to build a waste recycling plant
- \$2m to Cannaponics to cultivate and process medical cannabis

Feasibility studies underway:

- \$280,000 to Magnium who recently completed a pre-feasibility study into a magnesium smelter in Collie
- \$1m to Sunshot Industries for a feasibility study into building a renewable energy hub