



An update for the Collie community on Griffin coal mine

The State Government is taking decisive action to protect Collie jobs and keep WA’s electricity system stable.

Griffin coal mine supplies coal to the privately-owned Bluewaters power station as well as to industry, but as a result of commercial disputes, is currently in receivership.

Due to external commercial factors beyond the control of the State Government, there is a risk of sudden mine closure at Griffin – which would cause hundreds of immediate job losses, create risk in the electricity system, and present significant challenges for major industrial coal users in the South West.

To prevent a sudden mine closure and ensure a managed transition for Collie, the Cook Government is investing \$220 million to support continued operations at Griffin until June 2026.

The funding announcement will deliver certainty for the mine workforce, industry and the community for the next two-and-a-half years, and will allow time to prepare for a potential mine closure.

The State Government has invested more than \$660 million to deliver a Just Transition for Collie – attracting new industries and putting training opportunities in place as the economy transitions away from coal.

The State is also investing billions of dollars into new renewable energy generation and storage, to ready the grid for the retirement of all State-owned coal-fired power stations – including one of Australia’s biggest batteries, to be built in Collie.

That means that when the support package for Griffin ends in June 2026, Collie will have the jobs and training in place to support a managed transition for Griffin workers.

Power Station Retirement Dates

Power Station	Operations
Muja C Unit 5	Closed in October 2022
Muja C Unit 6	Operating until 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



The Cook Government's ongoing support for Collie

Industry Attraction and Economic Diversification Support

- \$7.28 million total to Magnium Australia, supporting the development of its proposed net-zero magnesium refinery (including detailed feasibility study and establishment of a pilot plant)
- \$2.7 million to support a feasibility study into establishing Green Steel of WA's proposed recycled steel mill
- \$2 million to Quantum Filtration Medium's new manufacturing plant
- \$2 million to International Graphite's processing facility, including pilot scale and research equipment
- \$3 million towards the WesTrac Autonomous Technology Training Centre
- \$2.5 million to Frontline Fire and Emergency Equipment vehicle manufacturing facility
- \$13.4 million to establish the Koolinup Emergency Services Centre

Training and Workforce Support

- \$6.3 million for a dedicated offsite training facility
- \$12 million for the Jobs and Skills Centre, including Transition Training Coordinators and fee free training for affected workers and free help and guidance for career planning for the local community
- \$4 million for the Collie Curriculum Fund

Tourism Industry Support

- \$10 million for Collie Adventure Trails, including the new walkway across Wellington Dam mega-mural
- \$1.5 million toward the Wellington Dam mural and Collie Mural Trail
- \$10 million to replace the traffic bridge at Wellington Dam to cater for increased visitors
- \$5.8 million to expand Wellington National Park and upgrade visitor facilities
- \$5.2 million to transform Lake Kepwari into a local tourism attraction
- \$1.1 million for Throssell Street facade upgrades
- \$899,000 to upgrade and enhance Collie's unique Underground Mine Experience and Visitor Centre

Small Business Support

- \$3.4 million provided in Collie Futures Small Grants to new and existing small businesses, supporting 45 local businesses to set-up, expand, or diversify in Collie
- \$18 million in Collie Futures Industry Development Funding to support the establishment, upgrade and expansion of local businesses including the Collie Ridge Resort expansion, Premier Hotel upgrade, and Collie Trails Retreat