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Plan for the Collie Basin

The Western Australian Government is building a State of Energy, delivering energy security and creating more local jobs, ensuring Collie remains at the centre of WA's economic future. Coal remains important to WA's energy security and affordability, and Collie has always played a vital role in powering WA and will continue to as the state becomes a renewable energy powerhouse.

The McGowan and Cook Labor Governments have been working closely with industry, unions and the community to deliver energy security, secure new job pathways, and ensure a Just Transition for the Collie community.

Collie Transition
Actions to date

Invested $30.6 million to prepare workers for transition, including the establishment of the Collie Jobs and Skills Centre, free career counselling and training programs.

Invested $230 million for the overall Collie Industrial Transition Fund to support major new industries and deliver new industrial land.

Provided over $100 million in additional funding to support economic development and diversification initiatives, including industry attraction and support for local businesses.

$300 million committed for Synergy decommissioning.

Modernised the Griffin Coal Mine State Agreement with 5 year extension.

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Just Transition Plan 2026–2030
Focus areas

Creating Industry Jobs

Recognise the effort and investment required to shift the town's industrial composition and the importance of creating long-term industry jobs for the current and future workforce.

Preparing for Closure

Collie's workforce, industry and community are prepared for the impacts of closure and post-closure activities, while maximising the potential economic and employment opportunities that arise.

Opportunities for Affected Workers

Ensuring workers directly affected by the planned closures are supported through change and are provided with opportunities to secure a strong career future.

Creating a Strong Future

Recognising culture, creating meaningful economic opportunities, and supporting community participation and engagement in transition.

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Collie Basin Consolidation Taskforce
Objectives and Key Findings

Objectives

- The ongoing security of coal supply from the Collie Basin.
- The orderly phase out of coal mining over time.
- Just Transition for the coal workforce and community, including the development of future industries.
- The rehabilitation of mining and decommissioning of related infrastructure.
- The future use of land in the Collie Basin.

Key Findings

- Contractual arrangements in the basin need to be settled quickly for key users including Synergy.
- Long term rehabilitation and land use planning is required to support community outcomes at both sites.
- All parties create and support workforce-transition opportunities aligned to their obligations and maximise outcomes for the Basin.
- Align cross basin closure, rehabilitation and decommissioning opportunities in a single plan.
- Accelerated land activation and expanded proponent searching should occur at Coolangatta.
- Options to attract private sector finance to support rehabilitation should be explored.
- Remain open to consolidation proposals, assessed against the objectives, costs, benefits and delivery timeframes.

In January, the Collie Basin Consolidation Taskforce was established to develop proposals on the future of coal mining in the basin, building on the efforts of the Collie Just Transition Working Group and Collie Just Transition Plans.

The Government has accepted all the findings from the Collie Consolidation Taskforce Report and will implement additional immediate and medium-term actions as part of our Plan for the Collie Basin.

What we're doing:

1. Securing WA's energy supply to 2030
2. Transitioning our coal workforce
3. Attracting and securing new local investment, new industries and new jobs for the future

How we're doing it:

Energy Security

- Secure ongoing coal supply to industry and Bluewaters power station beyond 2030, saving local jobs and reducing burden to taxpayers by about $60 million per year.
- Invest $2.9 million to identify assets across the Basin that could be retained, re-used or repurposed after closure and develop a masterplan to guide future land uses across the Basin.
- Create a basin-wide rehabilitation and decommissioning body to plan for and coordinate these activities and attract external investment and capability.
- Consider ownership consolidation proposals from the two mining companies against the Taskforce objectives.

Workforce Transition

- Provide greater certainty for the affected workforce with an additional $16.8 million for new workforce transition initiatives.
- Continue to provide targeted support for workers to transition, including through:
  - $17.5 million for the Collie Jobs and Skills Centre and new Collie Job Connect website and App.
  - $8.6 million dedicated local training facility designed to support emerging industries and to assist local workers to upskill, reskill, and transition into new careers.
  - $4 million curriculum fund to ensure training is aligned to new industry and worker needs.
- Create job opportunities through support for local businesses, new industry and rehabilitation and decommissioning.

Future Jobs

- Declare Collie's industrial areas as the State's second State Development Area, unlocking opportunities across Coolangatta Industrial Estate, Shotts Strategic Industrial Area and key connecting corridors.
- Support existing businesses to grow and expand.
- Attract new businesses across the defence industries, advanced manufacturing and clean energy sectors.
- $39 million to fast-track infrastructure at the Coolangatta Industrial Estate, including roads, power and water.
- Drive long term job creation through the activation of industrial land, attraction of new large-scale industries, and post-closure rehabilitation and decommissioning across the Basin.

Find more information at WA.gov.au/collie-basin-plan