

**Vision for**

**the Kimberley**

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FOR WA**

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# Roger Cook and WA Labor **Vision for the Kimberley**

Western Australia has the strongest economy in the nation.

Much of our success as a State is the result of the businesses, industries and people across our vast regional areas.

The exciting thing is – we’ve only scratched the surface of what we’re capable of.

Our Vision for the Kimberley is about building on our success and preparing for the future.

In recent years, we’ve had a major focus on growing our economy, cost of living relief, boosting housing supply and investing in our hospitals.

We’ve also created a pipeline of investment to help the Kimberley reach its potential.

We’ve upgraded major roads, boosted renewable energy, increased tourism, improved our national parks and trails, built better schools and made TAFE free.

At the same time, we’ve increased the regional health workforce and we’re delivering important facilities like the Sobering Up Centre in Broome and a new renal dialysis centre in Halls Creek.

It’s a great start – but we can do more with a steady hand at the wheel.

WA Labor will make more things here, create the jobs of the future and keep our economy strong.

We’ll invest in schools and free TAFE, and we’ll build job-creating infrastructure to keep our regions strong.

And we’ll continue to help with the cost of living, build more houses and set up our health system for the future.

In times of global challenges, WA needs experienced leadership.

Only the WA Labor Government has the experience to keep the WA economy strong and protect our fair share of the GST.

WA Labor’s Vision for regional WA will deliver for all Western Australians, across the length and breadth of our State.

Only WA Labor will do what’s right for WA.



Roger Cook  
Premier of Western Australia





# Pipeline of Projects

Pipeline of infrastructure projects under construction, plus future projects under a re-elected Cook Labor Government.

**Great Northern Highway** Ord River North - \$118 million

**Water infrastructure upgrades in the Ord** - \$77.1 million

**Gibb River Road** upgrades - \$60 million

**Derby District High School** upgrades - \$27.9 million

**Wyndham and Derby ports** upgrades - \$15.5 million

**Broome Aboriginal Medical Service** new facility - \$11 million

**Fitzroy Crossing Multipurpose Centre** - \$10 million

**Kununurra Leisure Centre** upgrades - \$10 million

**Derby Wellness Centre** - \$8.7 million

**Kimberley Remote Schools** upgrades - \$8 million

**Broome Health and Wellbeing Campus** - \$8 million

**Dialysis expansion, Fitzroy Crossing** - \$5.3 million

**Water Lily Place Housing Project, Kununurra** - \$5 million

**Playground and waterpark, Halls Creek** - \$4 million

**Wyndham District High School** Early Childhood Education Centre - \$3 million

**Janyba Centre for Culture, Story and Arts** - \$500,000



# Cost of Living Measures

The Cook Labor Government has kept our economy strong and carefully managed the finances.

As a result, we've had the capacity to offer a record amount of cost of living relief to local households.

We've distributed more than \$1 billion in support for households across more than 20 programs and initiatives over the last year alone, such as our regional airfare caps.

The Cook Labor Government is committed to continuing to help Western Australians with cost of living pressures.

## **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- Deliver a further \$100 increase to the Regional Pensioner Travel Card, bringing the total to \$775, building on the \$100 increase delivered in 2024.
- Deliver the \$8 million Country Week Assistance Program to reduce accommodation and travel costs for students attending Country Week events.
- Continue to deliver cost of living relief to regional families and residents across the Kimberley.

## **Plus the Cook Labor Government has:**

- Introduced Regional Airfare Caps for Kimberley residents, reducing one way fares from either Broome or Kununurra to Perth, to a maximum of \$299.
- Shed \$700 off power bills in 2024 including \$350 in the December and January billing cycle – and \$2,100 since 2020.
- Delivered the WA Student Assistance Payment, \$150 for every primary school kid and \$250 for every secondary school kid.
- Made regional TransWA services 50 per cent cheaper over summer.
- Made 130 priority TAFE courses fee free.
- More than doubled assistance through the KidSport vouchers program, helping parents cover the cost of kids in sport.
- Doubled the travel and accommodation allowance for regional apprentices, trainees, cadets, and interns who are required to travel long distances for their training.









# WA Jobs and Economy

Through some of the toughest global conditions, the Western Australian economy has prevailed.

Our domestic economy has grown by nearly a quarter from pre-pandemic levels, the fastest of any State and well above the national growth rate.

Unemployment has averaged below four per cent for more than three years, while more than 330,000 jobs have been created during our time in office.

We're also investing to diversify our economy at a rate never seen before.

## **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- Invest \$15.5 million to upgrade facilities at Wyndham and Derby ports to boost economic development and improve their ability to receive cargo by sea - making the Kimberley more resilient when the road network or airstrips are disrupted by natural disasters.
- Invest an additional \$20 million, on top of the existing \$70.5 million program, to expand the highly successful Aboriginal Ranger Program.
- Contribute \$500,000 for planning towards the Janyba Centre for Culture, Story and Arts to provide a Yawuru Cultural Centre on country, and a place to showcase culture with tourists.

## **Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- \$77.1 million in vital water infrastructure upgrades in the Ord to drive agricultural expansion.
- \$23 million towards the Chinatown Revitalisation project in Broome.
- \$5 million grant through the Investment Attraction Fund towards Tassal's Kimberley barramundi production facility.
- Over \$5 million through the Regional Economic Development grant program to support 50 job creating projects in the Kimberley.
- \$10.3 million for a Battery Energy Storage System in Broome.
- \$6 million for infrastructure to support first point of entry designation for Broome Port.
- \$1.8 million to trial a Vanadium flow long duration battery in Kununurra.
- Millions invested in initiatives to promote and grow tourism in the Kimberley.
- \$1 million to upgrade the Kurrajong and Walardi campgrounds at Purnululu National Park.
- We also brought road maintenance crews back in-house to Main Roads, including establishing a new depot in Broome, keeping jobs local.

# Housing

After some of the toughest conditions in the construction market experienced both globally and nationally, we're getting more homes built across the regions.

Through our WA Housing Plan, we are building more homes, freeing up land, cutting red tape and growing our construction workforce.

In the last four years, we've invested an additional \$4.5 billion in initiatives focussed on boosting housing supply.

In the Kimberley, we're training the next generation of home builders, expanding stamp duty concessions, incentivising short stay accommodation back onto the rental market and building more social homes.

The Cook Labor Government will continue to accelerate housing supply, while exploring innovative and sustainable solutions such as modular construction and tiny homes.

We're on track to deliver an additional 32,000 houses by the end of 2025. Our plan is working, but there is more to do.

## **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- Establish a new \$25 million Regional Housing Support Fund that will provide grants of up to \$5 million to support new housing and land supply across regional WA, assisting with a wide range of costs, with local government projects and regional subdivisions eligible.
- Double the Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) construction program with over 100 new builds across regional WA, to support more key government workers such as police and teachers to live in the regions and boost housing supply, including 20 new homes in the Kimberley.
- Provide \$5 million to the Water Lily Place Housing Project in Kununurra, which will deliver 14 affordable one and two-bedroom homes, specifically catering to key workers such as childcare educators and Shire workers.
- Deliver additional stamp duty relief for first home buyers in regional WA by raising stamp duty thresholds for both established homes and vacant land.





**Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- \$5 million for 26 lots at Broome's North Waranyjarri Estate, incorporating multi residential and single residential social housing lots, as well as lots for key government workers.
- \$7.7 million through the Infrastructure Development Fund to support the delivery of 91 homes for key worker homes in the Kimberley.
- Assistance for first home buyers looking to build a home with the \$10,000 First Home Owners Grant and transfer duty exemptions and concessions for land.
- \$350 million Remote Aboriginal Communities Fund to support water, power and housing infrastructure in remote Aboriginal communities, and \$31.1 million for major upgrades to water services in Ardyaloon, Beagle Bay, Djarindjin, Lombadina and Mowanjum.
- \$200 million North West Aboriginal Housing Fund to build housing and infrastructure in Aboriginal Communities.
- \$400 million Housing Enabling Infrastructure Fund to unlock residential land.

# Health

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The Cook Labor Government has invested a record \$14.3 billion in new health and mental health projects and programs since 2021.

We've added more than 800 beds to the system in the past three years – more than a new tertiary hospital.

Despite global health workforce shortages, we've increased our health workforce by more than 30 per cent.

To further boost health outcomes in the Kimberley, we're progressing a number of projects to advance the health and mental health of locals.

## **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- Provide \$11 million toward a modern clinic for the Broome Aboriginal Medical Service to allow for 7-day a week operations and extended hours.
- Invest \$5.3 million to expand the dialysis unit in Fitzroy Crossing from 4 to 8 chairs, doubling their capacity.
- Contribute \$8.7 million towards the Derby Wellness Centre, to provide alcohol and other drug, mental health and social and emotional wellbeing services, family and domestic violence support, aged care and traditional healing in Derby.
- Invest \$2 million to begin planning for a future low to medium detox centre in the Broome community.
- Invest \$34 million to expand and increase the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATs) by increasing the fuel subsidy to 40c per km, and include Allied Health and Dental in the eligibility requirements.
- Continue to invest in and prioritise health programs that allow regional residents to access health care close to home.





**Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- \$8 million for the Broome Health and Wellbeing Campus.
- \$24 million for a new renal dialysis centre in Halls Creek.
- \$10.7 million to construct a new Sobering up centre in Broome to provide a safe place for intoxicated people.
- \$14.6 million to continue the delivery of the Kimberley Ambulance Service.
- The HECS-HELP initiative, providing grants of up to \$12,000 over 3 years for newly qualified registered nurses and midwives who take up a role in WA's rural, remote, and regional public hospitals.
- A new, expanded role for community pharmacists in Western Australia, providing patients access to treatment for a range of common and mild conditions, including UTIs and repeats of the contraceptive pill.
- The first-ever dedicated rural psychiatry training program in Australia, designed to attract, train, and retain psychiatrists to regional WA.
- A new, state-wide telephone support line, 'Here For You', providing a single point of contact for Western Australians who are concerned about their own or another person's mental health issues and/or alcohol and other drug use.
- An expanded WA Telestroke service, giving regional hospitals a 24-hour, seven day a week service for clinicians caring for patients with acute stroke symptoms.







# Education and Training

A good education at a well-equipped school is the right of every Western Australian child – no matter where they live.

In partnership with the Federal Government, we're boosting funding to public schools in Western Australia by \$1.6 billion.

We are upgrading, refurbishing and redeveloping schools across WA to prepare our young people for the jobs of the future.

Additionally, we're committed to maintaining Fee Free TAFE, which has already afforded tens of thousands of people the opportunity to gain a new skill.

## **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- Provide \$8 million for infrastructure upgrades at remote schools across the Kimberley.

## **Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- \$6 million for the Health and Hospitality Training Centre at the Kununurra TAFE campus.
- \$11.8 million for the Hospitality and Student Services Centre at the Broome TAFE campus.
- \$27.9 million for a major upgrade at Derby District High School.
- \$3 million to rebuild the Early Childhood Education Centre and upgrade STEM facilities at Wyndham District High School.
- \$19.3 million to upgrade Broome Senior High School, including a double-storey building with 10 new classrooms, a new commercial kitchen with alfresco area and two chemistry laboratories, plus an additional \$9 million in upgrades including canteen, STEM, solar panels and air conditioning upgrades.
- \$13 million for a new classroom block and upgrades at Halls Creek District High School.
- \$1 million to expand the Better Beginnings program for literacy and early learning to the Kimberley.

# Community Safety

We have more Police on the beat than ever before – nearly 800 Police Officers joined the Force in the last year.

At the same time, initiatives like Regional Shield have increased police presence in regional communities across WA.

We're also committed to ensuring our emergency services are equipped to respond when disaster strikes.

By funding extra firefighters, boosting volunteer infrastructure and expanding our aerial firefighting fleet, more Western Australians can be kept safe during bushfire season.

## **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- Invest \$5.9 million to establish the Kununurra Night Space to provide a safe space for street present young people in town.
- Invest \$2.3 million to install additional CCTV cameras across the State to help combat anti-social behaviour, including additional cameras in Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and Kununurra.
- Provide \$1 million to PCYC to deliver youth diversion programs in Broome.
- Invest \$11.5 million to expand the Safe at Home program that supports victim-survivors of family and domestic violence to stay in their homes, including expanding it to Broome.

## **Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- \$18.2 million to Marlamanu, an aboriginal-led, on-country youth diversion facility at Mount Anderson station in the Kimberley.
- \$1.5 million for Stage 2 of the Olabud Doogethu Halls Creek Justice Reinvestment project.
- Operation Regional Shield, with a surge of police resources and officers in regional towns ready to disrupt any criminal and anti-social behaviour over the summer period.
- Operation Regional Influence, that will see an additional 8,000 extra hours of road patrols, a fleet of 44 high visibility highway patrol cars and two new alcohol and drug testing buses boosting regional road safety.
- \$15.8 million for a new WA Police jet and to upgrade existing air assets to provide critical support in regional communities.











# Transport and Infrastructure

In recent years, the Cook Labor Government has overseen major investment in regional infrastructure - roads, bridges, ports and renewable energy.

In the Kimberley, we have built and upgraded a range of roads to improve access to communities, increase safety and open up economic opportunities.

We've also committed to a major program of works to increase resilience of bridges and roads following natural disasters.

All of our road projects have prioritised job and training opportunities for locals.

We also brought road maintenance back in-house, ensuring ongoing jobs and better outcomes for repairs.

## **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- Continue to prioritise upgrading regional roads, including expanding the Regional Road Safety Program to local government roads.

## **Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:**

- \$250 million to rebuild the Fitzroy River Bridge following its destruction in the 2023 floods, reopening an essential piece of infrastructure and vital link between families, businesses and communities 6 months ahead of schedule.
- \$107 million to rebuild the Brooking Channel Bridge, which reopened in November 2024.
- 1,486 kilometres of shoulder widening, audible edge and centre lines across the Kimberley, through the Regional Road Safety Program.
- \$5 million for sealing the runway at Warmun Airport.
- \$118 million for the reconstruction of 26 kilometres of Great Northern Highway - Ord River North and replace two single lane bridges between Halls Creek and Kununurra.
- \$151 million for progressive upgrades of the Gibb River Road between Derby and Wyndham to improve the condition and serviceability of the road, especially during the wet season.







# Sport and Recreation

Sport and recreation are vital parts of life in regional Western Australia, and the Kimberley is no exception.

The Cook Labor Government has invested in better facilities for sporting clubs and organisations.

Equally, we have expanded our network of trails and national park infrastructure for locals and visitors alike.

WA offers the best recreational opportunities in the world and the Cook Labor Government is committed to making them more accessible for everyone.

## **A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:**

- Contribute \$4 million towards a new playground and waterpark in Halls Creek.
- Contribute \$10 million towards a new Multipurpose Centre at Fitzroy Crossing to act as an evacuation centre, as well as provide a space for sport and recreation and other community activities.
- Establish the \$4 million Veterans Facilities fund to help RSL and veterans organisations upgrade their local facilities and RSL clubs.

## **Plus the Cook Labor Government has invested:**

- \$3 million towards the Town Beach fishing jetty in Broome.
- Over \$10 million for the Kununurra Leisure Centre Redevelopment which includes an eight-lane 50-metre pool, a dedicated tots pool, upgraded changerooms to meet disability access requirements and a covered barbecue area.
- \$3.2 million towards the Kununurra Splash Park.
- \$4 million towards upgrades at the Fitzroy Crossing Recreation Centre.

# Achievements and Works Underway

## Delivered

1. **\$4.4 million** for a new STEM classroom and canteen upgrades at Broome Senior High School.
2. **\$1.5 million** for Stage 2 of the Olabud Doogethu Halls Creek Justice Reinvestment project.
3. **\$780,000** for Frederick Street upgrades in Broome.
4. **\$265,000** for St Peters Way road, parking, and pedestrian upgrades in Wyndham.
5. **\$85,000** for science resource refurbishments at La Grange Community School.
6. **\$85,000** for science resource refurbishments at Derby District High School.
7. **\$85,000** for science resources and classroom refurbishment at Broome Primary School.
8. **\$250 million** to Rebuild the Fitzroy River Bridge following its destruction in the 2023 floods, reopening an essential piece of infrastructure and vital link between families, businesses and communities 6 months ahead of schedule.
9. **\$107 million** to rebuild the Brooking Channel Bridge.
10. **\$65.6 million** investment into Broome's wastewater and water infrastructure to support the town's development beyond 2050.
11. Over **\$5 million** through Regional Economic Development grants to support 50 job-creating projects in the Kimberley.
12. Major upgrades to water services across communities in the Kimberley, including: **\$500,000** for upgrades to the water reticulation network in Ardyaloon, **\$264,000** for new water pipes in Beagle Bay, **\$20 million** to secure a new long-term water source for Djarindjin and Lombadina.
13. **\$8.3 million** for upgrades to Mowanjum's wastewater treatment plant, and \$1.7 million for upgrades to the wastewater pump station and pipe renewals.
14. **\$23 million** to the \$30 million Chinatown Revitalisation project in Broome.
15. **\$19.3 million** upgrade to Broome Senior High School in 2020, including a double-storey building with 10 new classrooms, a new commercial kitchen with alfresco area and two chemistry laboratories, plus an additional \$9 million in upgrades including canteen, STEM, solar panels and air conditioning upgrades.
16. **\$14.6 million** to continue the delivery of the Kimberley Ambulance Service.
17. **\$11.8 million** for a Hospitality and Student Services Centre at the Broome TAFE campus.
18. **\$10.3 million** for a Battery Energy Storage System in Broome.
19. **\$6 million** for a Health and Hospitality Training Centre at the Kununurra TAFE campus.
20. **\$5 million** Investment Attraction Fund for Tassal's Kimberley barramundi production facility.
21. **\$5 million** for sealing the runway at Warmun Airport.
22. **\$3.2 million** Kununurra Splash Park, providing 500 square metres of aquatic play space for all age groups from toddlers to teenagers.

23. **\$3 million** towards the Town Beach fishing jetty in Broome.
24. **\$1.75 million** to construct a permanent wastewater main under the Martuwarra (Fitzroy) River after the previous pipeline was damaged during the floods.
25. **\$1.7 million** water infrastructure upgrade for Junjuwa Remote Community.
26. **\$1.4 million** towards a rooftop solar system for Derby Regional Hospital.

## Delivering

27. **\$200 million** for the North West Aboriginal Housing Fund to build housing and infrastructure in Aboriginal Communities.
28. **\$118 million** for reconstruction of 26km of Great Northern Highway – Ord River North and replace two single lane bridges between Halls Creek and Kununurra.
29. **\$77.1 million** in vital water infrastructure upgrades in the Ord to drive agricultural expansion.
30. **\$151 million** for progressive upgrades of the Gibb River Road between Derby and Wyndham to improve the condition and serviceability of the road, especially during wet season.
31. **\$27.9 million** in upgrades at Derby District High School.
32. **\$13 million** for a new classroom block and upgrades at Halls Creek District High School.
33. **\$19.9 million** for the Kimberley Communities Solar Saver program to create energy bill savings and reduce carbon emissions in remote communities.
34. **Over \$10 million** for the Kununurra Leisure Centre Redevelopment which includes an eight-lane 50-metre pool, a dedicated tots pool, upgraded changerooms to meet disability access requirements and a covered barbecue area.
35. **\$8 million** for the Broome Health and Wellbeing Campus.
36. **\$6 million** for infrastructure to support first point of entry designation for Broome Port.
37. **\$5 million** for 26 lots at Broome's North Waranyjarri Estate, incorporating multiresidential and single residential social housing lots, as well as lots for key government workers.
38. **\$4.5 million** to bring the power stations at Ardyaloon, Bidyadanga, Beagle Bay, Djarindjin Lombadina and Warmun into public hands, securing power supply and supporting the renewable transition for these communities
39. **\$3 million** for rebuilding the Early Childhood Education Centre at Wyndham District High School.
40. **\$1.8 million** to trial a 78kW, 220-kWh Vanadium flow long-duration battery in Kununurra.
41. STEM facilities upgrades and resources at Wyndham District High School.
42. 1486 kilometres of shoulder widening, audible edge and centre lines through the Regional Road Safety Program.





