

Vision for

Collie-Preston

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WHAT'S
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FOR WA**





Roger Cook and WA Labor **Vision for Collie-Preston**

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 Collie-Preston 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're delivering a Just Transition for Collie, and creating a pipeline of investment to help the Collie-Preston region reach its potential.

We've upgraded major roads, boosted renewable energy, increased tourism, unlocked industrial land, built better schools and made TAFE free.

At the same time, we've increased the regional health workforce, built a new operating theatre at Collie Hospital and we're redeveloping Bunbury Regional Hospital.

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.



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.

Tesla Remanufacturing Facility

Collie Battery Energy Storage System - \$1.6 billion

Bunbury Hospital major redevelopment - \$451.1 million

Regional Road Safety program expansion - \$250 million

Coolangatta Industrial Estate activation - \$134 million

Wellington Dam bridge replacement - \$24 million

Forrest Highway and Marriott Road intersection upgrade - \$8 million

South Regional TAFE onsite training facility - \$7.8 million

Wellington Dam tourism infrastructure upgrades - \$2.9 million

Donnybrook District High School STEM facilities - \$1.8 million

Argyle Irishtown Bush Fire Brigade rebuild - \$1.6 million

Dardanup Primary School air conditioning - \$1.4 million

Collie Mine Workers Insititute upgrades - \$1 million

Eaton Boomers Football Club upgrades - \$850,000

Signalised crossings on Eaton Drive - \$700,000

Collie Speedway upgrades - \$450,000

Cost of Living

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 \$1.1 billion in support for households across more than 20 programs and initiatives over the last year alone.

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 2025 round of the WA Student Assistance Payment, providing \$150 to primary school students and \$250 to secondary school students to assist with school costs and cost of living pressures.
- Halve TransWA fares including for the Australind train service and for bus services connecting towns in regional WA.
- 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.
- Deliver the Access All Areas Pass for kids, a \$50 voucher that will be available to all young Western Australians aged from five to 15 years so they can attend an event at various arts, cultural and creative venues, including in regional towns.
- Continue to deliver cost of living relief to regional families and residents in Collie-Preston.



Plus the Cook Labor Government has:

- Slashed \$700 off power bills in 2024 including \$350 in the December and January billing cycle - and \$2,100 since 2020.
- 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.
- Providing free regional school bus services and the Student Transport Allowance - which has more than doubled from 25.24c per kilometre to 55.6c per kilometre - to assist kids in regional and remote areas who aren't able to access free regional school bus services.

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 340,000 jobs have been created during our time in office.

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

Our diversification vision is backed by local projects like the Collie Transition Package and Kemerton Industrial Park - both attracting big projects and emerging industries to the region.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- Top up the Collie Industrial Transition Fund with an extra \$30 million to secure major new job creating projects in Collie, bringing the total investment in Collie's Just Transition to \$692 million.
- Work with Tesla to build a new remanufacturing facility in Collie that will service both grid-scale and residential Tesla batteries for Western Australia and the wider Asia-Pacific region.
- Negotiate to bring the State's freight rail network back into Government hands.
- Invest \$2.9 million to deliver kiosk, water supply and power supply upgrades to help cope with tourist demand and visitors to the Wellington Dam Mural.
- Invest \$600,000 to develop a localised Collie job-matching app for transitioning workers and new industry employers.
- Invest \$8 million to upgrade the entry into Kemerton Strategic Industrial Area at the intersection of Forrest Highway and Marriott Road to assist with truck movements and increased worker vehicles, as well as increasing safety for commuters on Forrest Highway.
- Continue to support major job-creating projects in the Collie-Preston region such as critical minerals processing.



Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$1.6 billion for the Collie Battery Energy Storage System.
- \$500 million for enabling infrastructure in Strategic Industrial Areas including at Kemerton.
- \$134 million to activate industrial land at Coolangatta Industrial Estate.
- \$300 million towards decommissioning Collie's coal-fired power stations.
- \$10 million for the Collie Adventure Trails, including the world's largest dam mural at Wellington Dam.
- \$24 million for a new bridge at Wellington Dam.
- \$5.8 million for new campgrounds and picnic areas at Lake Kepwari.
- \$1.1 million for road upgrades on Wellington Forest Road in Wellington National Park to cater to increased visitor numbers.

Collie's Just Transition

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will boost Collie's Transition Package by an additional \$30 million – bringing the total investment to \$692 million.

Collie's Just Transition is powering ahead, with new industries and businesses emerging across the town as the transition away from coal-fired power generation progresses.

The WA Labor Government has been working with the Collie community since 2018 to help the town transition and create new blue collar jobs in Collie.

We've invested over \$40 million to support tourism initiatives and infrastructure, contributing to visitor numbers in Collie increasing by over 73 per cent since the investment commenced.

We've delivered over \$3.7 million to help nearly 50 local small businesses expand and diversify.

Through our funding programs we have helped secure new job-creating projects including the WesTrac training facility, Frontline Fire and Rescue's manufacturing facility, and Quantum Filtration's manufacturing plant.

We've invested over \$26 million to support workforce transition including a new Jobs and Skills Centre in Collie, free training for transitioning workers, curriculum development to match new industries, and we are delivering a new TAFE training facility in town.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will also invest \$600,000 to develop a Collie specific job-matching app for transitioning workers.

We are securing new industries and have invested in major projects including:

- \$2.7 million to Green Steel WA to deliver a Green Steel Recycling Mill.
- \$9.8 million to Magnium Australia towards the delivery of a net zero magnesium refinery.
- \$12.5 million to International Graphite for a commercial-scale graphite processing facility and battery anode material facility.

We have signed an MoU with Tesla to build a new remanufacturing facility in Collie that will service both grid-scale and residential Tesla batteries for Western Australia and the wider Asia-Pacific region.

We've invested \$134 million to activate industrial land at Coolangatta Industrial Estate to help fast track major projects.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will invest a further \$30 million in the Collie Industrial Transition Fund to continue this work.

We're committed to a Just Transition for Collie. Our plan is working – and Collie's future is bright under a Cook Labor Government.





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 Collie-Preston, 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.

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 new homes in the South West.
- 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:

- \$2 million towards 10 independent living units for over 65's at Bridge Street, Donnybrook.
- \$2.8 million for upgrades to Donnybrook's Minninup Cottages and Langley Villas.
- \$1.4 million for Accordwest accommodation project in Collie for women and children at risk of homelessness.
- 68 homes returned to the long-term rental market in the South West as a result of the Cook Labor Government's Short-term Rental Accommodation and Vacant Property Incentive Schemes.
- \$400 million Housing Enabling Infrastructure Fund to unlock residential land.
- Assistance for first-home buyers looking to build a home with the \$10,000 First Home Owners Grant.
- \$80 million towards the Infrastructure Development Fund, including funding to unlock housing in the regions.

Health

The Cook Labor Government has invested a record \$14.3 billion in new health and mental health initiatives 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 Collie-Preston region, we're boosting the number of paid paramedics and undertaking a major redevelopment of Bunbury Regional Hospital.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- 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.
- Invest \$5.5 million to increase paid paramedics in Australind to provide faster ambulance response times, and deliver a new station.
- 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:

- \$451.1 million for the major Bunbury Hospital Redevelopment.
- \$18.8 million for a brand-new operating theatre and upgrades at Collie Hospital.
- \$700,000 to expand and refurbish the Collie River Dental Centre.
- The HECS-HELP initiative, providing grants of up to \$12,000 over three 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.
- The 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 invest:

- \$1.4 million to upgrade air conditioning at Dardanup Primary School.
- \$1.8 million to deliver new STEM facilities at Donnybrook District High School.
- \$37.2 million to expand the existing School Breakfast Clubs program, including into Collie-Preston.
- \$10 million to establish a program to boost capacity in public school canteens through grants for canteen staff, equipment and minor facility upgrades.



Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- The new Jobs and Skills Centre in Collie.
- \$7.8 million for a new South Regional TAFE onsite training facility in Collie.
- \$7.5 million for major redevelopment of Collie Senior High School.
- \$1 million for upgrades at Donnybrook District High School.
- \$13.4 million for a new design and technology block and science classrooms at Eaton Community College.
- \$4.6 million for new early childhood block and roof replacement at Eaton Primary School.
- \$1.5 million for an early intervention centre at Glen Huon Primary School.
- \$15 million for a new two storey classroom block at Australind Senior High School.

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:

- Contribute \$1.6 million to rebuild the Argyle Irishtown Bush Fire Brigade headquarters.
- Invest \$15.6 million to increase the number of police officers in regional WA with recruits from regional WA by:
 - Redeveloping the accommodation facility, located at the WA Police Academy, and provide regional recruits with free accommodation at the upgraded facility while undergoing their training; and
 - Guaranteeing regional Police Recruits a placement in or near their home in regional WA for the first four to six years of their career.



Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$13.4 million for the new Koonlinup Emergency Services Centre in Collie, a Level 3 Incident Control Centre to support firefighters throughout the South-West during major emergencies.
- \$2 million for a new station for the Gelorup Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.
- \$8 million for the new Capel Police Station.
- Operation Regional Shield across regional WA, 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 Collie-Preston, we have built and upgraded a range of roads to improve access, increase safety and open up economic opportunities.

We are also continuing to roll out safety improvements to hundreds of kilometres of regional roads through our Regional Road Safety Program.

The Cook Labor Government is also delivering new railcars for The Australind, enabling a future increase in service frequency.

A re-elected Cook Labor Government will:

- Install signalised crossings on Eaton Drive, near Monash Boulevard in Eaton to cater for students at Glen Huon Primary School.
- Deliver \$250 million to expand the Regional Road Safety program to include local government roads, delivering road safety treatments including sealing of road shoulders and the installation of audible lines, making more regional roads safer.

Plus the Cook Labor Government has delivered:

- \$1.46 billion for the Wilman Wadandi Highway.
- \$3 million to rebuild the Australind Jetty.
- \$15 million pipeline to secure water supply to the South-West communities of Mullalyup and Kirup.





Sport and Recreation

Sport and recreation are vital parts of life in regional Western Australia.

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

Equally, we have expanded our network of cycling paths, 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 \$450,000 towards upgrading the toilets and ablutions at Collie Speedway.
- Contribute \$850,000 towards upgrades to Eaton Boomers Football Club including lighting upgrades, outdoor seat covers and electronic scoreboard.
- Contribute \$1 million towards upgrades at the Collie Mine Workers Institute.
- Establish a \$6 million Boosting Women's Sport and Girls' Participation fund to encourage women and girls to get involved in community sport.
- 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 delivered:

- \$6 million for upgrades to the Donnybrook and Districts Sporting and Recreation Precinct.
- \$3.8 million to redevelop the Eaton Bowling and Social Club.
- \$400,000 to replace lighting at Collie Recreation Ground.

