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THE RIGHT PRIORITIES
FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA





A MESSAGE FROM THE WA LIBERAL LEADER

I am a proud Western Australian and have been incredibly lucky to call this state home all my life.

I grew up in the vibrant regional centres of Kalgoorlie and Geraldton and have spent the past 20 years in the South-West raising a family with my husband while forging a career in journalism and politics.

It wasn't always easy, but it has given me a profound understanding of the challenges and triumphs many Western Australians face daily.

It's why I put my hand up to represent my community in Parliament and what continues to drive me to fight for our state, ensuring our voices are heard and needs are met.

We undoubtedly live in the best state in the nation, a state built on the vision of past Liberal leaders and the entrepreneurial spirit of Western Australians.

We are a prosperous and productive state, driving the Australian economy, but we are being let down by a Labor Government that is out of its depth and failing the basics.

Labor is blowing the boom.

They have been gifted the largest surpluses in the country, but our health system is in crisis, violent crime and domestic violence is out of control, many are struggling to break into the housing market, and cost-of-living pressures are skyrocketing.

At the same time, Labor's pet project, METRONET, has blown out by \$10 billion and counting.

That is the biggest blowout on a project in WA's history and has come at the cost of many critical community services which have been cut.

It's unconscionable. I believe governments need to look after the best interests of the people they are elected to serve, and to deliver the essential services that improve our lives.

A government I lead will focus on the right priorities.

We will invest in more than simply METRONET.

We will focus on fixing the basics, providing more funding for hospitals, police, housing and essential regional services.

Rather than squandering the boom, we will reverse the neglect and divestment in essential services.

Western Australians deserve better and a government I lead will provide it.

Libby Mettam MLA
WA Liberal Leader



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OUR PURPOSE

At the 2025 State Election, the WA Liberal team will offer Western Australians the choice of a strong, alternative government.

Our team will present a plan for the state which celebrates the frontier spirit of Western Australians and supports their aspirations.

We will be relentlessly focused on the things which matter to all Western Australians, no matter what part of the state they live in.

We have heard the concerns of our communities, police, doctors, nurses, teachers, small business owners, and industries across the state.

They feel betrayed by a Labor Government which promised to keep WA strong but is failing to deliver the basic services that Western Australians rely on.

After seven years of Labor, WA has a health system on life support, crime is out of control, and thousands of families are struggling to find affordable housing and make ends meet in a cost-of-living crisis.

Regional WA has been forgotten entirely.

Across the state, the Cook Labor Government is failing the basics.

A WA Liberal Government will focus on the right priorities.

We will deliver a health system where Western Australians can be confident they will get the treatment they need, when they need it, and where the best and brightest healthcare professionals want to work.

We will take urgent action to address out-of-control violent crime and introduce measures to give WA Police the support they need to make our communities safe again.

We will deliver meaningful reform to address cost-of-living pressures, remove the roadblocks to build more homes, and reduce the jobs tax burden.

We will foster innovation, attract investment, and create new economic opportunities.

A WA Liberal Government will restore good government and the quality services Western Australians rightfully expect, and deserve, in a state with our prosperity.

We will govern in the best interests of the people of Western Australia to ensure our communities, our children, and grandchildren can enjoy the benefits of our great wealth and opportunities.

The WA Liberal team has a plan for this state, and it starts with fixing Labor's mess and focusing on the right priorities.

LABOR'S FAILURES SINCE 2017



HEALTH

Ramping up 833%

Elective Surgery wait list up 55%

7 of the 8 worst Emergency Departments in Australia

10,000 children waiting up to 21 months to see a paediatrician



CRIME

Assault up 46%

Threatening behaviour up 85%

Breach of Violence Restraining Orders up 44%

287,747 victims of crime last year



COST OF LIVING

Household fees and charges up 16% or \$1,000 a year

Motor vehicle fees up 24%

Electricity up 22%

Water up 16%



HOUSING

35,000 people on the housing waitlist, up 18%

Rough sleepers up 113.8%

Homelessness up 8%

Median rental price up 76%

THE RIGHT PRIORITIES FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Fixing Our Hospitals

Ending the crisis and restoring our world-class health system.

Cracking Down On Crime

Backing our police to enforce the law and making our communities safe again.

Lower Living Costs

Helping your money go further.

Building More Homes

Delivering more affordable, accessible housing for Western Australians.

Restoring Regional Services

Giving all Western Australians access to the services they deserve, irrespective of where they live.



FIXING OUR HOSPITALS

Ending the crisis and restoring our world-class health system.

FIXING OUR HOSPITALS



Build a world-class Women and Babies Hospital at QEII, as is international best practice, to ensure there is tri-location of these critical health services.



Introduce an Elective Surgery Guarantee to ensure that no individuals wait longer than clinically appropriate for their surgery.



Ensure our nurses and midwives are supported and incentivised to stay in WA.



Deliver a comprehensive plan to address out of control ambulance ramping.



Implement a comprehensive health infrastructure plan to build capacity.



Provide extra funding for Kids Helpline services across Western Australia.



Expand hospital in the home and community healthcare to provide more alternatives to emergency departments and hospital beds.



Introduce a \$400 million Regional Health Development Initiative to ensure that Western Australians receive quality healthcare wherever they live in the state.



Commit to a Royal Commission into the crisis in WA's health system.



Pictured: Ashleigh Hunter

FIXING OUR HOSPITALS

Roger Cook and his Health Minister have allowed WA's health system to lurch from crisis to crisis.

Despite record surpluses, ambulance ramping is at record levels, elective surgery wait lists have blown out by 55 per cent, surgery cancellation rates have skyrocketed, and WA has the worst performing emergency rooms in the country.

The results have been tragic.

The death of Aishwarya Aswath in 2021 highlighted how much the health system has deteriorated under Labor.

Aishwarya died after waiting two hours to be seen in the Emergency Department at Perth's Children Hospital.

On multiple occasions before Aishwarya's death, healthcare workers raised their concerns about understaffing and patient safety but were repeatedly ignored.

Twenty-six-year-old Ashleigh Hunter also suffered an unnecessarily painful death outside Royal Perth Hospital in 2019.

Overcrowding and a lack of beds inside the ED meant her ambulance sat ramped outside the hospital. Ashleigh died from a sepsis infection after she was finally triaged into the Emergency Room.

Our healthcare workers are doing the best they can, but many are telling us they are burnt out and disillusioned due to chronic understaffing.

It's hardly surprising. In 2017, WA nurses were the highest paid in the country.

Under WA Labor, they are now the lowest.

The slide in pay is undoubtedly contributing to the shortage of healthcare workers in WA hospitals, particularly in regional areas.

Why would you want to work in WA when other states are paying better?

WA's healthcare workers deserve greater support and acknowledgement for the extraordinary work they do.

We all need to be able to trust that when we are sick and vulnerable, our health system will take care of us.

Western Australians deserve better, and a WA Liberal Government will deliver a healthcare system they can rely on.

FIXING OUR HOSPITALS

Women and Babies Hospital →

WA Labor's decision to build this hospital twenty kilometres from Perth Children's Hospital makes absolutely no sense.

More than 200 medical experts have contributed to four reports, all saying the lives of mums and their babies will be put at risk if the new Women and Babies Hospital is built at Murdoch, instead of at QEII in Nedlands, where it was always planned.

Locating the new Women and Babies Hospital next to an adult tertiary hospital and a children's tertiary hospital is international best practice.

It allows for the safest delivery of emergency—and often lifesaving—care to our sickest and most vulnerable mothers and babies.

WA is the only state in Australia that does not have tri-location of these services.

Labor is recklessly ignoring its own medical experts, throwing out years of planning, and putting patients at risk because it's 'all too hard'.

This new hospital will service our mothers and babies for decades to come.

The decision on where it should be built is too important to be made on a whim, without proper consultation with the families and medical experts who use it every day.

No contract should be signed for the new Women and Babies Hospital before the next election.

Roger Cook should not commit taxpayers to funding a hospital that risks the lives of more than 200 vulnerable babies each year, before voters have had their say.

The WA Liberals will listen to our medical experts and will put the safety of mums and babies first, to deliver the world-class facility that our community deserves.

A WA Liberal Government will build the new Women and Babies Hospital at the QEII Medical Centre site, as is international best practice, and we will start construction in our first term.

It's the right thing to do.



FIXING OUR HOSPITALS

Elective Surgery Guarantee →

Under Roger Cook and his Health Minister, the elective surgery wait list has blown out by 55 per cent.

Although these surgeries are categorised as 'elective', this does not mean they are not important or, in many cases, urgent.

Each number on this wait list represents a person enduring pain and discomfort, often for conditions requiring hip or knee replacements, breast removal, and critical eye and ear surgeries.

These procedures are not optional luxuries; they are essential treatments that significantly affect the quality of life of thousands of Western Australians.

For many, the prolonged wait for surgery can severely impact their family life and their ability to work.

The physical pain and emotional strain caused by these delays can lead to more acute health issues, creating a vicious cycle of suffering, and exacerbating healthcare costs.

A WA Liberal Government is committed to breaking this cycle.

We will not stand by while Western Australians languish on an ever-growing list, waiting on a Labor Government that will not prioritise healthcare.

A WA Liberal Government will ensure all patients receive their elective surgery within the medically recommended time or will offer them the next available appointment in a public or private hospital at no cost.

This will be known as the WA Elective Surgery Guarantee.

As part of our commitment, we will work with private healthcare providers to undertake an additional 10,000 elective surgery procedures in the first two years in government.

This partnership will urgently address the current number of cases that are over boundary and have been waiting longer than recommended.

A WA Liberal Government will also commit ongoing funding in future years to provide for an additional 2,500 elective day surgery procedures each year.

We cannot continue to wait while the Cook Labor Government sits idle, hoping for a solution.

This is about more than just healthcare; it's about upholding the dignity and well-being of every person in our state, and ensuring all available options are utilised.

Under a WA Liberal Government, patient care will be a top priority, and we will work tirelessly to rectify the failures of the Cook Labor Government.

We will also invest robustly in building capacity within our hospital system in preparation for future growth.

The WA Liberal Party is dedicated to ensuring that every Western Australian receives the timely, high-quality medical care they need, when they need it.

Case Study

Michelle Hansford was a courageous and loving mother of five and grandmother of ten, who tragically passed away after suffering multiple health challenges due to unacceptable delays in elective surgery.

Diagnosed with aggressive stage three breast cancer in 2017, Michelle's battle with cancer led to two surgeries to remove her left breast and 19 lymph nodes.

Later that year, as a precautionary measure, she chose to have her right breast removed to prevent future cancer.

Despite her medical history, this surgery was classified as elective, and due to an extensive wait list, her surgery was delayed.

In early 2022, after waiting three years for surgery, Michelle's fears were realised when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in her right breast, which was finally removed in March of that year.

Shortly after having her right breast removed, Michelle discovered she had a soft tissue radiation sarcoma in her left arm, forcing her to have her left arm amputated in May 2023.

Michelle thought she was finally all clear, only to discover in January 2024 that the cancer had spread to her brain.

While Michelle's courage was truly inspiring, it was unfortunately too little, too late.

Michelle spent the last three months of her life in Busselton Hospital and Hospice and sadly passed away in March 2024, leaving behind a heartbroken family devastated by the lack of urgency and care afforded to Michelle during her health battle.



Health Infrastructure Plan →

A WA Liberal Government is also committed to implementing a comprehensive health infrastructure plan designed to improve patient outcomes and support our healthcare workforce.

Unlike Labor, which has consistently delayed critical hospital upgrades, we will prioritise investment at key hospitals across the state.

Health services have undeniably gone backwards in the regions under the Cook Labor Government, as it continually kicks hospital redevelopments down the road.

Critical upgrades to hospitals in Geraldton, Laverton, Meekatharra, and other regional centres have been shelved.

They have been put in the 'too hard' basket, despite Labor's promises.

In addition to our regional hospital upgrades, we will make further metropolitan health infrastructure announcements closer to the election, reaffirming our commitment to a comprehensive overhaul of WA's health system.

WA once had the best health system in Australia.

Now, it is in crisis.

A WA Liberal Government will ensure both regional and metropolitan health services are fully equipped to meet the growing demands of our community going forward.

Paediatric Care →

Under the Cook Labor Government, the wait times for vulnerable children in Western Australia needing paediatric care have grown significantly, leaving many families in distress.

Almost 10,000 children are now on the waitlist to see a paediatrician in metropolitan Perth, with more than 8,000 in primary school.

The median wait time for these children has increased from 17.8 months last year to more than 21 months, with some children waiting up to five years.

These delays mean that children in need of timely medical intervention are left waiting, potentially facing worsening health and developmental challenges as they struggle to access the care they require.

Despite the growing demand and the urgent recommendations from child development service reviews, Labor has failed to allocate sufficient resources to address the crisis.

Even as the backlog grows, only minimal funding increases have been provided, falling far short of what is necessary to meet the needs of these children.

Families are frustrated and feel abandoned by a system that should prioritise their children's health and development.

The WA Liberals are committed to addressing this issue, with a focus on reducing wait times and providing better access to the essential care that every child deserves.

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Mental Health →

Over the past seven years, the Cook Labor Government's narrow focus on clinical, hospital-based treatments has failed to address the broader mental health needs of Western Australians.

Labor has neglected to properly fund prevention and early intervention services, which are imperative in addressing health issues early and providing better long-term outcomes.

The absence of investment in community-based mental health support has had severe repercussions, disrupted lives and made it harder for individuals to access education, maintain employment, and build or sustain meaningful relationships.

Many individuals facing mental health challenges have become further isolated without the necessary community support systems in place.

The WA Liberal Party recognises the need for a comprehensive mental health strategy that extends beyond hospital care.

We believe that every person living with mental illness deserves access to continuous, high-quality care tailored to their specific needs.

Our plan will focus on early intervention, community-based programs that not only identify and manage symptoms, but also help individuals lead fulfilling and productive lives.

By prioritising investment in preventative measures and expanding community support services, we will ensure that mental health care is accessible and integrated into everyday life.

Furthermore, we are committed to removing the stigma surrounding mental illness and advocating

for mental health to be treated with the same urgency and importance as physical health, creating opportunities for all Western Australians to thrive.

Addressing youth mental health is an important first step in tackling these issues.

Almost 40 per cent of Western Australians aged 16 to 24 years are affected by mental health disorders, and that figure is only expected to grow.

We are committed to addressing the growing need for specialised care for individuals with eating disorders in Western Australia.

With a spike in young people presenting with these conditions, a comprehensive and coordinated approach is urgently needed.

We recognise that isolated treatment facilities are not enough to meet the complex needs of those struggling with eating disorders.

Under a WA Liberal Government, we will focus on providing a more integrated and accessible care network, to ensure that individuals across the state can access consistent, high-quality support.

Western Australians deserve a responsive system that prioritises their mental and physical well-being wherever they live, and we are committed to delivering it.

This commitment extends to supporting vital services like Kids Helpline, which is Australia's only 24/7 confidential counselling service, and is often the first point of contact for young people in distress.

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Last year, the counselling service received almost 25,000 calls in Western Australia from young people aged 12 to 25 years, but more than half went unanswered due to a lack of resources.

The Cook Labor Government has ignored pleas to properly fund this service and has failed to give any guarantee about future funding.

In the middle of a mental health crisis, this lack of certainty is appalling.

The WA Liberals will ensure our key mental health providers have the resources needed to provide life-saving services.

We will ensure that young Western Australians have round-the-clock mental health support services, like Kids Helpline, wherever they live in our state.

Regional Health Development Initiative →

In a state as big as Western Australia, access to medical services and facilities is not only important, but critical to the health outcomes of residents in regional and remote areas.

Sadly, many of these communities are being let down by the Cook Labor Government's neglect.

Despite many promised projects, the Cook Labor Government has delivered little more than excuses.

Labor is all talk and no action, and our communities deserve better.

The WA Liberals know prevention and early intervention are key to the best health outcomes for our most vulnerable residents, and this can only happen with proper investment in the communities in which they live.

Travelling thousands of kilometres away from their families and workplaces for appointments or care is simply unrealistic for many residents across our state.

They cannot afford the time or out-of-pocket expenses, and the health consequences are often dire.

The WA Liberals won't just talk about better health outcomes, we will deliver them.

A WA Liberal Government will establish the Regional Health Development Initiative, investing \$400 million over four years into our regional health infrastructure.

The importance of targeted health initiatives like this cannot be overstated.

The initiative will invest in improved medical equipment, services, technology and local health infrastructure in our remote and regional communities, reducing the health disparities between our city and regional populations.

Our first projects will be funding redevelopments at the Margaret River and Tom Price Hospitals.

We will ensure work begins on these long overdue projects in the first year of government.

The upgrades will not only bring the hospitals up to standard to meet current demand but ensure they can cope with future growth in the regions.

A WA Liberal Government will invest in ensuring local hospitals and healthcare centres can meet demand because we believe that where you live should not determine the quality of healthcare you receive.

FIXING OUR HOSPITALS

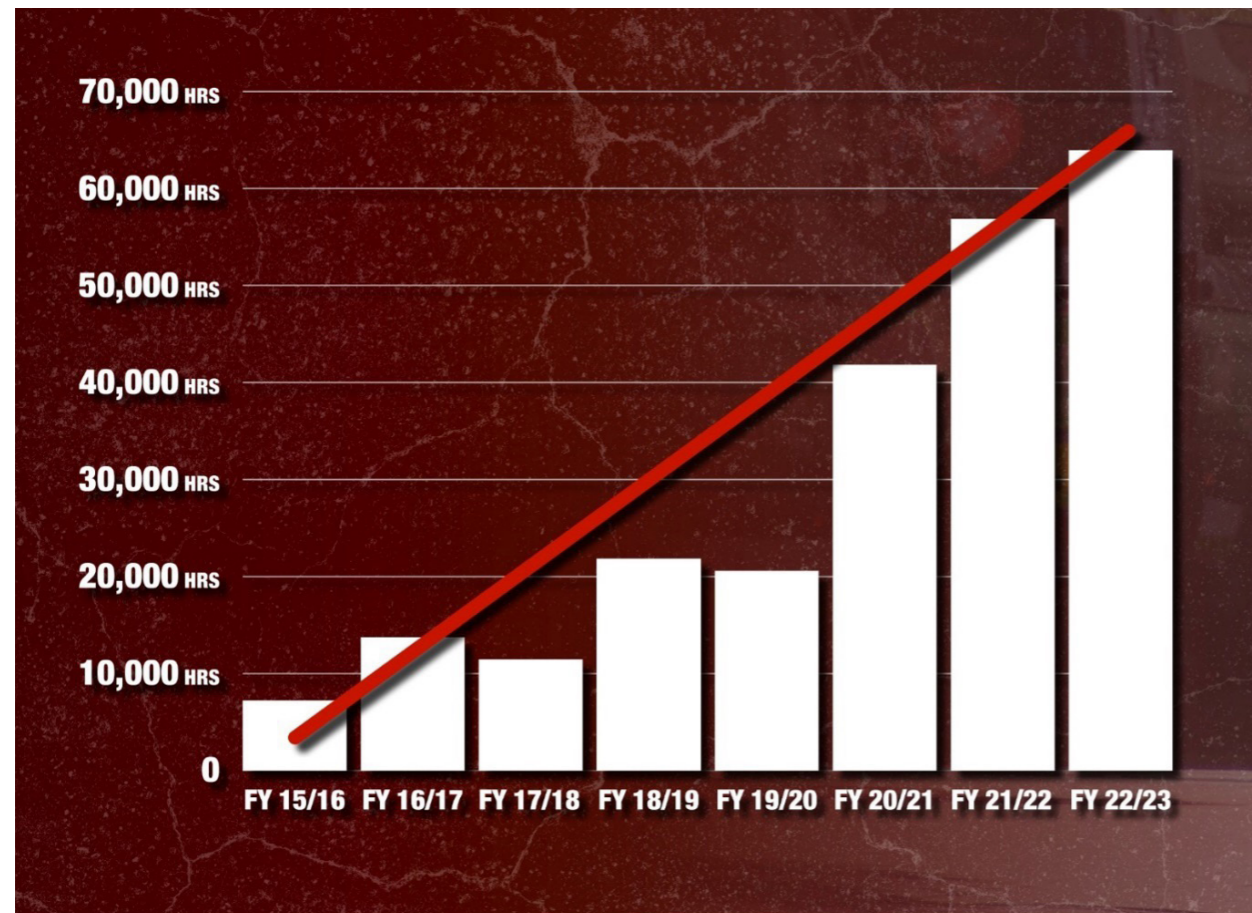
Health Royal Commission →

After seven years of WA Labor's mismanagement, Western Australia's health system is undeniably in crisis.

Due to Labor's incompetency, our health system has been decimated, with our emergency departments now consistently ranking among the worst performing in Australia.

Patients are left waiting for hours in overcrowded hospitals, and preventable tragedies, such as the death of seven-year-old Aishwarya Aswath, have laid bare the system's failings.

Ambulance ramping is the worst it has ever been and has increased by 833 per cent since Labor came to power.



This decline is not just measured in statistics but felt deeply by the healthcare workers as well, who are stretched beyond capacity.

Nurses, who were once among the best-paid in Australia, now find themselves underpaid and overworked, battling exhaustion and burnout.

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Chronic understaffing has left our frontline health workers struggling to provide the level of care Western Australians deserve.

The cultural issues embedded within the system – driven by years of neglect – have created a toxic work environment where morale is low, and frustrations run high.

These valued professionals are doing the best they can but face insurmountable challenges under a government that refuses to listen to their pleas for support.

The first step in addressing this dire situation is to launch a Royal Commission into how WA Labor allowed the state's health system to fall into such disarray.

After seven years of excuses, secrecy, cover-ups, and undelivered promises, it's clear the WA Labor Government will never provide those answers willingly.

An independent and transparent investigation is essential to understanding how systemic failures were allowed to continue unchecked, and what reforms are needed to restore confidence in Western Australia's healthcare system and return it to the world-class system it once was.

The recent Perth Casino Royal Commission has demonstrated that these investigations can be undertaken without exorbitant costs and in shorter time frames when needed, and the WA Liberals are committed to ensuring a health Royal Commission is timely and effective.

The people of WA deserve answers.

A Royal Commission would provide the roadmap for rebuilding what has been lost and ensuring that such catastrophic failures never happen again.



Case Study

Aishwarya Aswath died of sepsis on Easter Saturday 2021 in Perth Children’s Hospital.

She was seven years old.

According to the coroner, staff missed the signs of the little girl’s deteriorating condition because there weren’t enough medical practitioners in the emergency department.

She was left in the hospital waiting room for almost two hours as her increasingly desperate parents pleaded for help.

Aishwarya was finally assessed by a doctor when she was limp, with a blank stare.

She went into cardiac arrest shortly after and, despite every effort to save her, Aishwarya died.

Then-Health Minister, now Premier, Roger Cook, denied understaffing was a factor in Aishwarya’s death.

The inquest found there was intense demand on staff, who repeatedly missed the opportunities to recognise the seriousness of her condition.

Deputy State Coroner Sarah Linton said the roster was inadequate to deal with demand.



“Aishwarya’s parents brought their daughter into hospital because they knew she needed help. But due to the pressures on them, the medical and nursing staff missed the signs that she was critically ill from sepsis and failed to rescue her. It really is as simple, and as tragic, as that.

It shouldn’t take the death of a beloved little girl for the Department of Health, and the Government, to stop and consider what more it can do, and how much more money it should spend, to keep children safe when they visit our specialist children’s hospital.

There is no point in having a state-of-the-art facility, if the staff working within it are stretched beyond capacity and parents lose their trust and faith in them.”

S H Linton
Deputy State Coroner

Ms Linton made several recommendations for improved care at Perth Children’s Hospital, many of which are still being implemented years later.



“We will never forgive our health system and people associated with it. Since Aishwarya passed away, there has not been a day without tears in our eyes... all we want, as a family, is for the truth to come out, and we want to see meaningful and sustainable change in our health system so that this doesn’t happen again, and so no other parent is put through a similar situation.”

Aswath Chavittupara and Prasitha Sasidharan
Aishwarya’s parents





CRACKING DOWN ON CRIME

Backing our police to enforce the law and making our communities safe again.

CRACKING DOWN ON CRIME



A WA Liberal Government will put victims and community safety first, not the rights of criminals.



Invest \$100 million to double the number of GPS tracking devices to monitor offenders who breach Violence Restraining Orders.



Introduce new laws to enable Workplace Protection Orders.



Amend bail laws to ensure that violent repeat offenders, who commit further crimes while on bail, will not be granted that privilege again.



Review WA's parole laws with a view to tighten them to prevent early release for people convicted of violent crimes.



Strengthen disruptive behaviour policies around social housing and enforce the three-strikes rule.



Ensure police are properly resourced, supported and remunerated to halt the exodus from the force.



CRACKING DOWN ON CRIME

Western Australians deserve the right to feel safe in their homes and in their communities.

Increasingly, very few do.

The Cook Labor Government has lost sight of what it takes to govern and how to keep the community safe.

Despite Labor enjoying record budget surpluses, WA Police are under-resourced following an exodus of police officers leaving the force.

More than 1300 officers have left over the past two and a half years – the highest resignation rate in history.

The impact on law and order is evident.

WA Police statistics show crime rates have blown out across assaults, robberies, and family and domestic violence under WA Labor's watch.

Women in WA are being murdered in family and domestic violence incidents at a rate higher than in any other state in Australia.

One in six women murdered in Australia in 2024 were killed in WA.

Since Labor came to power, family-related assaults have spiked by 54 per cent, while threatening behaviour in the family home is up 140 per cent.

Breach of restraining order offences are up by 44 per cent, assault is up 46 per cent and robberies are up 44 per cent.

There's also been a dramatic increase in violent crime.

But Western Australians don't need statistics to tell them there are more robberies, more drugs, and more anti-social behaviour; they are living it every day.

Many regional residents are at breaking point.

Albany and Kalgoorlie have recorded 30 per cent increases in crime, Karratha a 51 per cent increase, and Carnarvon a massive 76 per cent over the past two years.

Police do a tough job. Burnout, fatigue, and low morale are all leading to the mass exodus of police officers from the force.

Nobody should be surprised that fewer cops on the beat and a court system soft on violent offenders leads to more crime.

The Cook Labor Government has been dragged kicking and screaming every step of the way to treat this crime epidemic with any sense of urgency.

WA desperately needs to adopt a whole-of-government approach to combating crime, particularly in the regions.

It needs to start with addressing the unprecedented number of police officers exiting the force.

CRACKING DOWN ON CRIME

Workplace Protection Orders →

Reports of violence against retail and fast-food workers have skyrocketed in the past few years, with multiple incidents of employees being harassed, threatened with weapons, and physically assaulted.

A 2023 survey revealed 87 per cent of these workers had experienced abuse and more than half were abused by the same customer multiple times.

No one expects or deserves this treatment at work. It is clear extra measures are needed to protect these workers and their patrons.

A WA Liberal Government will introduce new laws to enable Workplace Protection Orders (WPOs) to be issued, allowing businesses to protect staff and customers from repeat offenders who pose a threat.

This legislation will allow employers to identify violent and threatening individuals and apply for a court-issued WPO, preventing the behaviour, and prohibiting the offender from entering or being within a certain distance of the workplace.

We will also create a specialist Workplace Protection Unit within WA Police to oversee the orders and commit funds for anti-recidivism programs to rehabilitate the offenders.

The rights of workers and their customers should always be prioritised over the rights of violent thugs.

Only a WA Liberal Government will ensure they are.



CRACKING DOWN ON CRIME

Empowering police on the beat →

The WA Liberals have a plan to address the shortage of police officers on our streets, particularly in regional areas where crime is out of control.

Our approach will focus on both the recruitment and retention of police officers, alongside early intervention strategies, to prevent and address the root causes of crime.

While WA Labor has focused on attracting officers from other countries, the WA Liberals recognise that the expertise and experience of our current senior officers is invaluable.

Retaining these officers through better workplace culture and support is central to our approach, and we will aim to provide our police force with the resources and legislative support they need to tackle rising crime rates and better protect our communities.

Additionally, our plan will ensure more police officers are deployed into the community, increasing their presence on our streets and enhancing safety in both urban and regional areas.

Increased community policing will have a profoundly positive impact on Western Australia, fostering safer, more connected neighbourhoods.

By increasing the visible presence of police officers on our streets, we can deter crime before it occurs, creating a more secure environment for families, businesses, and individuals.

The WA Liberals are committed to improving workplace morale and the long-term sustainability of our police force, ensuring that Western Australia is safer for everyone.

Reform bail and parole laws →

Too often the Cook Labor Government puts the freedom of violent offenders ahead of the safety of victims and the community.

Violent repeat offenders are let out of prison early on parole, only to commit further crimes.

Labor is failing to keep Western Australians safe, and our community deserves better.

We will amend bail laws to ensure violent repeat

offenders who commit further crimes while on bail will not get the privilege again.

The WA Liberals will also tighten WA's parole laws so that offenders convicted of violent crimes are not let out early.

A WA Liberal Government will unashamedly put the safety and rights of victims and the community first, ahead of violent criminals.

Case study

Danny Hodgson was just 25 years old when a teenage thug punched him in the head in an unprovoked attack outside a Perth train station in 2021.

The coward punch left Danny with permanent, traumatic brain injuries, meaning he can no longer work or live independently.

The teenager who attacked him was on bail for 23 charges at the time of the assault.

He was sentenced to just three years and eight months behind bars for the attack on Danny.

But in May 2023 – two years into the sentence – he was given parole.

While out on parole, it's alleged the young thug punched a shop worker in the face while stealing from a Geraldton bottle shop.

He was taken back into custody but, inexplicably, he was granted bail by a magistrate again.

The supervision order was finally cancelled after Danny spoke of his outrage at the release of the criminal whose actions have left him with a 'life sentence.'

“Why was he out then and why is he let out again?”

A simple question that no one in the Cook Labor Government has been able to answer.

It's incomprehensible that this offender, given his record, was paroled and then granted the privilege of bail after reoffending.

The justice system failed Mr Hodgson, who now lives with physical, emotional, and financial battles daily because of the attack.

The system also failed the thug's other alleged victims too.

Right: Danny Hodgson



Photo Credit: Justin Benson-Cooper, The West Australian Newspaper

CRACKING DOWN ON CRIME

This is a system operating within the laws set out by the Cook Labor Government.

Western Australians have every right to ask why the government hasn't done something to prevent violent thugs from repeatedly being released from prison early.

Offenders are not being forced to do the time for the crime, and the freedom of these violent offenders is being put ahead of community safety.

The results are shocking.

Violent criminal Luke Noormets murdered his ex-partner and then killed himself while on parole.

Noormets was a former bikie nominee who was behind bars for kidnapping, assaulting, and torturing a man for 13 hours, before setting him on fire.

Despite his criminal history, which included time in jail for selling drugs and charges for a terrifying home invasion in which he threatened to kill someone, the Parole Board decided he deserved an early release.

Many would regard the Parole Board's decision as indefensible.

But according to Premier Roger Cook:

“In this particular instance, [Luke Noormets] had been on parole in the community for a period of over 13 months under the supervision of Adult Community Corrections without any incidents being brought to the attention of the Prisoners Review Board.”

The Premier's attempts to justify the Parole Board's decision because Noormets didn't harm anyone for 13 months were unfathomable, and totally out of line with community expectations.

A WA Liberal Government will not stand for it.

We will toughen our bail and parole laws to ensure violent re-offenders who do the crime are forced to do the time.

CRACKING DOWN ON CRIME

and has been recognised as a precursor to escalating physical violence.

More than a year after the Cook Labor Government announced plans to introduce the new laws, nothing has been done.

Other states, such as New South Wales and Queensland, have moved swiftly to legislate against it, yet the Cook Labor Government continues to put it in the 'too hard' basket.

This lack of urgency has been widely criticised, with many victim advocates frustrated and concerned that WA Labor's inaction is putting lives at risk.

A WA Liberal Government will not sit idly by while the safety of women and children is compromised.

We will take urgent, decisive action to ensure the swift introduction of coercive control legislation,

recognising that addressing the psychological and emotional abuse at the heart of many domestic violence cases is critical to preventing further harm.

We will also ensure repeat perpetrators are behind bars, not roaming the streets, through tougher bail laws.

If offenders are released, we will ensure we know where they are by investing \$100 million to double the number of GPS tracking bracelets available to monitor those who breach VROs.

This will provide an extra layer of protection for victims.

The people of Western Australia deserve a government that prioritises their safety, and under a WA Liberal Government, we will make sure that happens.

Safer communities – social housing →

The WA Liberals will always prioritise and invest in a strong public housing program to support our most vulnerable residents.

Having access to a publicly provided home is a privilege, which most Western Australians treat with respect.

However, some residents make life hell for their neighbours and the communities they live in.

It's not uncommon to hear stories of homeowners being forced to set up security cameras and fences, fight for CCTV coverage and lighting, refuse to host friends and family, or even move to escape their neighbours in public housing.

It's just wrong.

The Cook Labor Government is turning a blind eye to the worst anti-social and criminal behaviour by social housing residents.

Instead of holding the worst offenders to account for their behaviour, the Cook Labor Government is focused on 'behaviour management', avoiding evictions at all costs, to the detriment of those residents and other neighbours who do the right thing.

A WA Liberal Government will prioritise providing homes to Western Australians who will treat their state-provided home and community with respect.

Family and domestic violence →

Western Australia has become the most dangerous state in the country for women, with the highest rate per capita of women killed in domestic violence incidents.

This alarming trend is further supported by statistics from the WA Police, which show that domestic violence is now 41 per cent on the five-year average.

Despite the growing crisis, the Cook Labor Government has failed to take decisive action.

While domestic violence is tearing families apart, the government continues to delay critical reforms such as coercive control legislation.

Coercive control is a form of psychological abuse used to isolate, intimidate, and dominate victims,

A tougher approach to disruptive behaviour →

We will crack down on anti-social and criminal behaviour by reviewing the Cook Labor Government's 'Disruptive Behaviour Management Strategy'.

A WA Liberal Government will also enforce the three-strikes policy.

The policy will give tenants who continually flout the rules two chances to correct and change their disruptive behaviour before being evicted.

All Western Australians deserve to live in peace and safety, particularly in their own homes.

Too many have had their quality of life significantly impacted by the behaviour of a small number of residents doing the wrong thing and a Labor Government that won't act.

A WA Liberal Government will not stand for it.

We will take a balanced and fair approach to public housing that responds appropriately to poor behaviour and respects the rights of those doing the right thing.



Case study

John and Helen (names changed for confidentiality) are a hard-working, middle-aged couple who had saved to buy a home a street back from the beach in a regional location.

It was supposed to be a dream come true. Instead, the past two and a half years have been a living hell because of a neighbour living in social housing.

John and Helen's neighbour had already been evicted from social housing in Perth for disruptive behaviour.

Despite this track record, the Cook Labor Government gave them a second chance in a taxpayer-subsidised home in WA's South-West.

Instead of making the most of their second chance, this individual, their friends, and family have tormented their neighbours, including John and Helen.

Over the past two years, police have been called multiple times to respond to more than 60 incidents, including late-night parties, abusive language, hooning, threatening behaviour, and property damage.

John and Helen obtained a restraining order

against their neighbour after they threatened to burn their house down, but it was still not enough to be evicted.

Despite the stress and disruption on John and Helen's health and well-being, repeated appeals for Labor's Housing Minister to intervene have failed.

The Cook Labor Government has tied its own hands. It dismissed the 'three-strikes' policy for social housing tenants who repeatedly engage in disruptive, anti-social, or criminal behaviour and now have no recourse.

The Housing Minister even boasted about evictions falling under his watch – proud he had put perpetrators ahead of victims.

Social housing is an essential service for vulnerable individuals and is even more important given WA's cost-of-living and housing crisis – but it is a privilege.

It comes with a responsibility to behave in a way that doesn't cause damage or harm others. Anyone who repeatedly abuses that privilege should lose it.

A WA Liberal Government will not be afraid to take action to protect those doing the right thing.



The imposition of this person is seriously starting to affect us mentally as well as physically, I was diagnosed with high blood pressure last month, a condition I firmly place at the person's door due to the stress of living next to this individual. The disruption is never ending.

John and Helen



COST OF LIVING

REDUCING HOUSEHOLD COSTS

Helping your money go further.

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Easing pressures on household budgets, with targeted reductions in taxes, fees and charges.



Ending Labor's waste of your money.



Helping more Western Australians realise their home ownership aspirations.



Reducing pressure on inflation by cutting unnecessary government spending.



Slashing stifling red tape and over-regulation; encouraging business investment, supporting the state economy and growing jobs.



Giving our most vulnerable a fair go, by restoring funding to the charities abandoned by Labor.





COST OF LIVING - REDUCING HOUSEHOLD COSTS

Western Australia is facing an unprecedented cost-of-living crisis.

Too many families are struggling just to keep their heads above water as food prices soar, mortgage and rent costs skyrocket, utility bills spiral, and financial pressures mount.

Despite this, the Cook Labor Government is sitting on record budget surpluses, thanks to an extraordinary mining boom that has delivered unprecedented revenue.

The government has the resources to alleviate the financial strain on Western Australian households, yet it fails to do so.

Instead of providing relief, Labor has raised fees and charges, with the average household now paying over \$1,000 more per year due to these increases.

The reality of this crisis is stark: more than 325,000 Western Australians, including 85,000 children, are living below the poverty line under WA Labor's watch.

The emergence of a growing number of 'working poor' households—families where parents are employed yet still cannot make ends meet—highlights the deepening inequality in our state.

For the first time, many of these households are turning to charities for support, a devastating indication of how far this crisis has spread.

Shockingly, while the need for charitable support has surged, the Cook Labor Government has turned its back on those who provide vital aid.

By cutting indexation for grants to charities, the government has left organisations like the Good Samaritans and St Vincent de Paul grappling with rising demand while their funding has been slashed.

These charities, which provide lifelines to struggling Western Australians, deserve better.

Under a WA Liberal Government, they will receive the support they need to continue their essential work.

In addition to failing to address household financial pressures, the Cook Labor Government has contributed to economic instability by increasing government spending at a time when restraint is needed.

Unnecessary government expenditure is putting additional pressure on the economy, fuelling inflation and making it even harder for families to keep up with rising living costs.

The WA Liberals are committed to reducing wasteful government spending and focusing on essential services that deliver real value to the people of Western Australia.

By cutting back on spending when it is simply not required, we can ease inflationary pressures and contribute to a more stable economy.

This fiscal responsibility will help lower costs for businesses, which in turn will help keep prices down for consumers.

Prioritising responsible financial management lays the groundwork for long-term economic stability and ensures that families feel less of the squeeze from rising costs.

The WA Liberals are dedicated to delivering practical solutions that help everyday Western Australians, by tackling the cost-of-living crisis head-on, supporting those who need it most, and securing a more prosperous future for all.

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First Home Buyer Stamp Duty relief →

The WA Liberals first home buyer stamp duty relief policy is a game-changer for young families and individuals looking to break into the property market.

With property prices soaring and the dream of home ownership slipping further out of reach for many, our plan will provide a much-needed financial reprieve.

By raising the stamp duty exemption threshold to \$550,000, first home buyers can save thousands of dollars on stamp duty costs, significantly reducing the upfront financial burden.

Our plan will also provide substantial stamp duty concessions for homes valued between \$550,000 and \$700,000, reflecting current market conditions and making even more families eligible for these savings.

It means more Western Australians will be able to afford their first home, making it easier to save for a deposit and reduce their overall borrowing requirements.

The escalating costs of living, particularly in housing, have been a significant strain on household budgets.

By lowering stamp duty for first home buyers, a WA Liberal Government will not only make home ownership more achievable but also help to ease financial pressures at a time when affordability is critical.

It's all part our broader commitment to providing practical, effective solutions to ease the cost-of-living crisis and ensure that the next generation of Western Australians can secure their future.

Our energy transition plan - keeping the lights on and prices down →

A WA Liberal Government will deliver Western Australia's energy transition and meet our 2050 targets while keeping the lights on, and the air conditioners running, at a price families can afford.

WA Labor is setting Western Australian families up for regular blackouts, with an unrealistic plan to manage the transition to net zero.

The Cook Labor Government is planning to remove almost 1,000MW of baseload generation over the next six years, without enough renewable generation and storage to replace it.

By contrast, a WA Liberal Government will build 300MW of new gas generation capacity, and boost gas supply in the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline so there is enough affordable energy to keep WA families from sitting in the dark.

Industry consultation revealed alarm at the government's headlong rush to remove generation capacity, without a realistic plan to replace it.

Many believe the renewable transition – while preventing blackouts and load shedding – will require significantly more generation and

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storage capacity than the Cook Labor Government has planned.

A WA Liberal Government will continue with the plan for 4,400MW of lithium battery storage and 810MW of wind generation but will also extend the lifespan of Collie A and Muja Units 7 and 8 coal-fired power stations, until new gas generation is built.

We will maintain coal use where necessary, until gas generation is ready to replace it, and then use gas to take WA to a high-technology, low-emissions future.

Both the State and Federal Labor Governments have pursued an uncontrolled expansion of wind farms, without fully considering the impact on energy reliability and affordability.

This rush to establish wind generation capacity without the necessary planning for consistent and sufficient energy storage puts the state's power supply at significant risk.

Wind energy, while essential to a cleaner future, is

inherently variable, and without adequate backup from gas, coal, or large-scale battery storage, it leaves Western Australians vulnerable to blackouts.

The WA Liberals are committed to meeting our target of being carbon neutral by 2050 – but it cannot come at a cost of reliability or affordability for Western Australian families.

Construction for WA's new gas generation capacity will begin in 2027, with completion by 2030.

A WA Liberal Government will also invest in and establish partnerships to provide renewable capacity and storage beyond what WA Labor has promised.

Families should not be faced with unaffordable, unreliable electricity because of reckless policies during a cost-of-living crisis.

A Liberal Government will deliver a transition to cleaner energy that will ensure Western Australian families can afford to keep the lights on.

Supporting small business and industry for a strong economy →

It's not just WA households doing it tough.

Small and family businesses are also feeling the pinch.

The Cook Labor Government has a major lever it could pull to reduce costs, encourage productivity, and support employment growth through genuine reform to the payroll tax regime.

Yet it fails to do so.

Payroll tax is nothing more than a tax on jobs.

A WA Liberal Government will support the private sector to create jobs and continue developing our state focusing on these critical reforms.

Our support for industry will also be unequivocal.

Western Australia has some of the best mineral resources in the world, with global demand soaring for commodities that are essential for the energy transition.

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That is why the WA Liberals are committed to reversing the ban on uranium mining to unlock significant opportunities for Western Australia's economy and contribute to the global green energy transition.

As countries increasingly turn to alternative energy sources to reduce emissions, the demand for uranium—a critical mineral in this transition—continues to grow.

With Western Australia's vast uranium resources, we are uniquely positioned to meet this demand and become a key player in the global market.

However, the WA Labor Government's ban on uranium mining has held WA back, preventing us from capitalising on this potential growth.

Our plan to lift the ban will ensure Western Australia can support a safe and robust uranium mining industry, underpinned by strict international safeguards and environmental standards.

It will also boost our minerals sector by up to \$1 billion annually and create thousands of jobs across our state.

The WA Liberals will prioritise economic growth, job creation, and meaningful contributions to global emissions reduction through responsible resource development.

This includes tackling the web of green and red tape created under Labor that is significantly hindering investment.

The WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIWA) estimates \$318 billion worth of major projects have stalled while waiting for environmental approval under Labor.

These projects are forecast to create about 106,000 WA jobs – employment that will be lost, scaled back or delayed because of over-regulation.

Labor's delays are killing jobs and killing investment.



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Case study

In their 2023 Approvals Report, the CCIWA published a survey of proponents waiting for approval in Western Australia, demonstrating the scale of risk to the WA economy if approval processes are not reformed.

Around 175 WA resources, agriculture, property, and transport businesses participated in the survey. The results were concerning.

- 31 per cent of the respondents were trying to get approvals or would soon be trying to gain environmental approvals for a project;
- 95 per cent were seeking approval from WA Government agencies;
- 29 per cent were seeking Commonwealth approval; and
- 24 per cent were seeking both.
- Average environmental approval times for major resources projects are as high as four years.
- Of projects waiting for approval, more than 68 per cent reported it was taking longer than anticipated, delaying their projects.
- Respondents expected the process to add nearly two years to their timeline, increasing project costs.
- These additional project costs could be as much as \$1 million a day, increasing the risk of projects being abandoned.



As we can see, there is a massive amount at stake for the WA economy if the reform to environmental approvals is not forthcoming. Economic growth, jobs, future investment, and diversification opportunities are all at risk of being lost if meaningful change is not realised.

CCIWA Approvals Report 2023

Streamlining WA's Environmental Approval Process →

A WA Liberal Government will undertake the urgent and necessary reforms to streamline environmental approvals, unlock investment, and fast-track the growth and development of our key future industries.

A WA Liberal Government will:

- Enable parallel approvals to reduce unnecessary delays;
- Introduce strict conditions on the use of stop-the-clock provisions to provide greater certainty and reduce unnecessary and unexpected delays;
- For significant projects, amend the Environmental Protection Act to simplify and streamline the appeals process to ensure the Appeals Convenor is focused on matters of the greatest economic significance, not bogged down by administration;
- Remove duplication in regulatory requirements where project are legislated by the Federal Government – there is no point doing something twice; and
- Introduce a new 'deemed approvals' process to keep projects moving.

The WA Liberals understand fostering economic prosperity requires a delicate balance between prudent regulation and allowing businesses to flourish.

We want to continue to foster innovation, attract investment, and embrace new economic opportunities for our state.

Union-anointed Premier Roger Cook is failing to ensure WA's prosperity provides dividends for our communities and future generations.

The Western Australian nickel sector, an employer of thousands of people, is on its knees with several nickel miners announcing plans to close or scale down, costing thousands of jobs.

Labor has been asleep at the wheel. Its eleventh-hour royalty relief was too little, too late.

Instead, the Cook Labor Government and Federal Labor provide millions of taxpayer dollars to an activist legal organisation notorious for launching vexatious litigation action against the resources projects their own administrations approve.

The so-called Environmental Defenders Office has been reprimanded by a Federal Court Judge for using "made up" evidence against a \$5.8 billion government-approved project.

Despite this, WA Labor has continued to fund the EDO.

The WA Liberals will always support strong, effective regulatory oversight.

Projects must have social licences, and WA needs to maintain its world-class standards to protect our environment.

A WA Liberal Government will cut taxpayer contributions to the EDO, and we will streamline environmental approvals to progress critical investment.





BUILDING MORE HOMES

Delivering more affordable, accessible housing for WA.

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After years of neglecting WA's housing market, the Cook Labor Government has created a housing crisis in our state and has no idea how to solve it.

Labor have failed to deliver adequate housing supply, and the results of their failure are evident across the housing continuum.

In the private housing market, too many Western Australians are forced to stretch their budgets to pay rising rent costs they can't afford, if they can find a home to rent at all.

Young families and other aspiring homeowners continue to face significant barriers to achieving the dream of home ownership.

Many Western Australians who own their own homes have experienced significant increases in the cost of housing, with rising mortgage repayments hitting their hip pockets hard every month.

Over their seven years in power, we've seen Labor's response to the housing crisis range from ineffectual to actively making the situation worse.

Their untargeted, uncapped and poorly managed building stimulus threw the residential construction sector into disarray, leading to builder liquidations

and incomplete homes for families.

Despite record immigration, WA Labor and their Canberra colleagues have failed to deliver the additional construction workers we need to build homes to support a growing population.

Instead, all the Cook Labor Government has delivered are band-aid measures that will make little real difference, leaving Western Australians to pay the price.

Our most vulnerable have been left to fend for themselves, with WA Labor overseeing pitiful growth in the number of social housing properties and selling off more public housing than was built in their first term.

In fact, in WA Labor's first seven years in power, they delivered an average of only 1.3 new social homes per month while our population grew by hundreds of thousands.

They have spent less on social housing than almost every other state.

PUBLIC HOUSING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY STATE/TERRITORY GOVERNMENTS

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	1 st Term	TOTAL
NSW	536.1	399	398.8	604	639.6	776.7	1937.9	3354.2
VIC	306.5	295.6	265.3	689.3	1177.3	1233.5	1556.7	3967.5
QLD	432.9	373.7	403.5	341.1	326.7	520	1551.2	2397.9
WA	38.9	18.2	32.1	58.9	269.1	353.5	148.1	770.7
SA	195.1	180.4	131.5	147.1	93.2	93.5	654.1	840.8
TAS	37.1	64.9	68.8	81.3	100.8	157.2	252.1	510.1
ACT	-3.3	6.4	14.5	22.5	-33.3	41.5	40.1	48.3
NT	210.2	292.6	223.3	249.7	228.5	353.3	975.8	1557.6

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As a result, the number of vulnerable Western Australians on the public housing waitlist has grown each year.

WA Labor have presided over an unprecedented scale of policy failures in both private and public housing.

Western Australians deserve more than to have to pay the price for Roger Cook's policy failures, ineffective band-aid measures and inaction.

Only a WA Liberal Government will deliver housing for Western Australians.

First Home Buyer Stamp Duty Relief →

The WA Liberals' First Home Buyer Stamp Duty Relief plan is a cornerstone of our commitment to making home ownership more accessible and affordable for Western Australians.

With property prices reaching record highs, we recognise the need to provide immediate, meaningful assistance to first home buyers.

A WA Liberal Government will raise the stamp duty exemption threshold from \$450,000 to \$550,000 and extend the concession threshold from \$600,000 to \$700,000.

These changes will see Western Australian first home buyers paying no stamp duty at all for any home priced under \$550,000, with a maximum saving of \$15,010.

First home buyers purchasing homes valued between \$600,000 and \$700,000 will also see some stamp duty relief for the first time, with a \$13,426 saving on a \$600,000 property and a \$6,713 saving on a \$650,000 home.

We want to make sure Western Australians get a fair shot at entering the property market to start their home ownership journey.

As Liberals, cutting taxes is in our DNA – this is a tax break for first home buyers who have been left behind as property prices climb.

Our plan will provide immediate financial relief by reducing one of the largest upfront costs associated with buying a home.

This not only makes home ownership more affordable but also reduces financial stress for families during the crucial first few years of home ownership.

The WA Liberals believe every Western Australian should have a fair shot at home ownership and our plan will reduce financial barriers and provide crucial cost-of-living relief during a time when every dollar counts.

It reflects our commitment to supporting the next generation of homeowners while ensuring that our state's economic future remains strong.

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Case study

Newly married couple Hayley and Jeremy, both 31 years old and expecting their first child, found themselves in a stressful search for a home after being forced to move out of their rental property when the owners decided to sell.

With rental prices skyrocketing, they decided it made more sense to buy a home rather than continue paying high rent.

Yet, trying to buy a home proved extremely competitive with up to 40 people attending each home open and some properties receiving more than 20 offers.

Becoming increasingly desperate, the couple put an offer in on a home priced at \$470,000.

However, due to the demand in the current market, they were forced to increase their offer to \$535,000 to secure the property, making them ineligible for first homeowner assistance due to the current purchase price thresholds.

Under the WA Liberals First Homeowner Stamp Duty Relief plan that increases the threshold to a more realistic \$550,000, Hayley and Jeremy would have saved almost \$13,000 in stamp duty payments.

It's clear the current thresholds do not reflect the reality of today's housing market where finding a suitable home under \$500,000 is nearly impossible.

Raising this threshold provides young families like Hayley and Jeremy with the support they need, making homeownership more attainable despite the intense competition and rapid price increases.

Addressing this issue is critical to ensuring that Western Australians, particularly those starting out, are not unfairly penalised in their pursuit of a stable home.



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Regional Housing →

The WA Liberals understand the significant challenges essential workers in regional Western Australia face securing affordable housing.

Many of these workers, including police officers, teachers, and healthcare professionals, are critical to delivering essential services in regional communities.

However, housing shortages have made it increasingly difficult for them to find suitable accommodation.

Ensuring that regional housing needs are met is not only important for the workers themselves but also for the overall health of regional economies.

With rental availability at historic lows and the cost of living continuing to rise, many regional areas

are struggling to provide enough housing for both residents and essential service providers.

The Cook Labor Government's answer to date has been to provide critical frontline workers with houses from the private market, putting further pressure on regional communities and failing to address the overall housing supply in these towns.

Our plan will focus on practical solutions to improve access to affordable housing and grow the housing stock.

A WA Liberal Government is committed to maintaining the strength of regional communities and ensuring that essential services remain available to all Western Australians, no matter where they live.

Residential Land Supply →

Western Australia is facing significant challenges when it comes to the availability of land for residential development, particularly as demand for housing continues to rise.

As the state's population grows, it is crucial that the supply of land keeps pace to ensure that enough homes can be built to meet this demand.

A key issue is the availability of greenfield land, which accounts for the majority of new housing developments.

Recent trends indicate that stock levels in the greenfield market are being rapidly depleted, and

the available inventory is now at critically low levels.

This places additional pressure on the housing market, contributes to rising property prices and makes it harder for families to find affordable homes.

In addition to greenfield land, other barriers such as infrastructure delays, red tape, and infill challenges further complicate the land supply issue.

Ensuring a strong pipeline in the availability of residential land requires a coordinated approach across various sectors, including government and industry.

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These things don't just happen. They require real leadership from government.

By addressing these challenges and focusing on identifying underutilised land, particularly state government-owned properties, there is an opportunity to alleviate the housing shortage in

both metropolitan and regional areas.

A well-managed residential land supply into the future is critical to maintaining housing affordability and ensuring the state's housing market can continue to support its growing population.

A WA Liberal Government will make it a priority.

Supporting Vulnerable Western Australians →

Western Australia is facing increasing demand for social and affordable housing, as many vulnerable and low-income families struggle to secure stable accommodation.

The growing housing crisis has exposed gaps in the availability of affordable homes, with demand far outstripping supply, particularly in regional areas.

Ensuring that those in need have access to adequate housing is critical not only for the

immediate well being of those doing it tough, but also provides the foundation to build long term financial security and secure new economic opportunities.

Our plan will focus on building partnerships between government and the not-for-profit sector, to better leverage opportunities to deliver housing for our most vulnerable.

Headworks and Critical Infrastructure →

A key issue affecting housing developments across Western Australia is the lack of headworks and critical infrastructure needed to support new housing projects, both in metropolitan Perth and in the regions.

In many cases, developers face significant delays and high costs related to essential services like water, electricity, roads, and sewerage, which must be installed before homes can be built.

Without timely and adequate headworks, large-scale housing projects are left in limbo, further straining an already tight housing market.

Regional headworks costs can be prohibitive and stop any opportunities for housing before they've started.

Addressing these infrastructure bottlenecks is essential to ensuring more housing can be developed quickly and affordably.

By reducing these infrastructure barriers, there is an opportunity to unlock more housing projects and increase the supply of residential lots.

This will help ease pressure on the housing market, making homes more affordable and accessible for Western Australians.

Increasing Housing Supply →

A WA Liberal Government will take direct action to increase housing supply.

We'll help more Western Australians realise their home ownership aspirations, support confidence in the residential building sector and better manage the state's public housing programs.

We have always believed in individual home ownership as the cornerstone of a prosperous society and economy.

Home ownership provides a stable economic foundation for families, allowing Western Australians to become more independent and less reliant on government.

Our plan will deliver real housing choices to enable more Western Australians to access affordable housing.

The WA Liberals' Plan to increase housing supply will:

- Make it easier to build new homes where we need them;
- Help families to get into their own homes;
- Make it easier for older Western Australians to downsize;
- Improve residential land supply, both in the short term and into the future;
- Increase opportunities for affordable home ownership;
- Support vulnerable Western Australians to access housing; and
- Deliver critically needed accommodation in our regions.





RESTORING REGIONAL SERVICES

Giving all Western Australians access to the services they deserve, wherever they live.

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- A WA Liberal Government will govern for all Western Australians, irrespective of where they live.
- We will invest \$400m into the Regional Health Development Initiative.
- We will continue to support Royalties for Regions.
- We will address the regional housing crisis.
- We will restore health services to regional centres, with a comprehensive package to attract and retain critical healthcare workers.
- We will ensure a reliable energy supply across the state.





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The Cook Labor Government has abandoned regional WA.

It has legislated to diminish regional parliamentary representation and has walked away from its responsibilities to deliver essential services.

The WA Liberals are committed to restoring and revitalising the Royalties for Regions program, ensuring it delivers real benefits to regional Western Australians.

Under WA Labor, essential community services in regional areas have been neglected, and the gap between living standards in metropolitan and regional areas has widened.

Regional economies have suffered from a lack of meaningful investment under Labor, with local businesses facing increasing challenges due to rising costs and limited resources.

The WA Liberals will refocus Royalties for Regions to boost regional economies by supporting local businesses and creating opportunities for growth.

By addressing Labor's mismanagement and wasteful spending, we will ensure that regional Western Australia receives the attention and investment it deserves.

Regional people deserve fairness and representation, and a WA Liberal Government will put regional communities back on the map with sustainable, community-driven initiatives.

Regional Health →

Under WA Labor, country health services have been decimated, with a dire shortage of nurses and a long list of promised infrastructure projects that have not been delivered.

A WA Liberal Government will reverse this neglect, ensuring regional hospital upgrades are prioritised and healthcare workers are incentivised and supported to work in these essential towns and centres.

Our Regional Health Development Initiative will also invest \$400 million over four years into our regional health infrastructure.

This critical investment will provide the improved medical equipment, services, technology and health infrastructure that Labor has neglected to fund for the past seven years.

We have already announced our plan to start work on the Tom Price Hospital and Margaret River Hospital redevelopments straight away, if elected.

These projects are critical to the residents, workers and tourists that rely on them, and have been continually delayed by a WA Labor Government that doesn't get regional WA.

We will also focus on ensuring critical maternity services are operational, starting with the Gascoyne region.

It's inexcusable that maternity services at Carnarvon Health Campus remain unavailable, two years after the 'temporary' suspension of the service.

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Pregnant women across the region are still being forced to travel hundreds of kilometres from their homes and families to have their babies because Labor says it's too difficult.

It's not good enough.

The WA Liberals will restore maternity services at Carnarvon and ensure they are permanently available.

Regional Dental Services →

The WA Labor Government has also failed to provide adequate dental care to regional residents, leaving many without access to essential services for extended periods.

Regional towns such as Kalgoorlie, Carnarvon, Geraldton, and the Gascoyne region are facing significant dental care challenges, with residents experiencing long waiting times and limited access.

In the Gascoyne region, residents face waiting times of up to 10 months for basic dental appointments, a delay that can worsen oral health conditions and create greater risks for overall well-being.

This lack of timely service is particularly harmful to vulnerable groups such as children, seniors, and low-income families who cannot afford private care.

A WA Liberal Government is committed to addressing these gaps and improving access to dental services across regional Western Australia.

Our approach will focus on ensuring more equitable distribution of dental resources, reducing waiting times, and providing essential services closer to where people live.

By prioritising regional healthcare infrastructure and addressing the recruitment challenges that have plagued the sector, we will ensure that all Western Australians, regardless of location, have timely access to the dental care they need.



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Case study

Labor's 'temporary' closure of maternity services at the Carnarvon Health Campus is forcing mothers in Carnarvon and the Gascoyne region to travel almost 1,000km to use maternity services in Perth.

Carnarvon mothers Tina Harvey and Bianca Ferreira are among those who have been forced to plan for and manage long periods away from their homes and support networks, often with small children in tow, because of Labor's inability to provide proper services in regional areas.

For both mothers, the experience was compounded by financial stress due to the inadequate funding provided through the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS).

Tina Harvey, a proactive planner, found herself unexpectedly facing significant financial strain due to the urgent need for specialised medical care during her pregnancy.

Despite meticulous preparation and early accommodation bookings, Tina's family had to dip into their savings and spend \$6,000 to cover airfares and accommodation costs for her medical appointments.

Similarly, Bianca Ferreira's experience underscores the critical importance of timely access to healthcare support for expectant mothers, particularly those facing high-risk pregnancies.

Bianca submitted her PATS request well in advance, and explained the urgent need for self-contained accommodation because of her medical circumstances. Despite this, she still had to deal with long delays and bureaucratic errors.

What the Minister for Health's office described as an "unfortunate failure in communication between staff", resulted in Bianca – and her child – not having their needs addressed for an extended period.

These delays heightened Bianca's distress, but also potentially risked her health and the well-being of her unborn child.

Both cases highlight systemic issues within the healthcare system, particularly concerning the accessibility and coordination of services.

This is a clear demonstration of the frustration in navigating health care and PATS managed by an incompetent Labor government.

RESTORING REGIONAL SERVICES

Regional Crime →

Crime in major regional centres such as Kalgoorlie, Carnarvon, Albany, Karratha, and Broome has reached crisis levels, with alarming increases in criminal activity placing immense pressure on local communities.

Some areas have experienced a staggering 76 per cent rise in crime over the past two years, leaving local businesses and residents feeling vulnerable and frustrated.

Business owners are reaching breaking point as repeated incidents of theft, vandalism and violence create an environment of fear and uncertainty.

This escalating crime wave is compounded by severe understaffing in regional police forces, with many critical positions remaining vacant across Western Australia, making it increasingly difficult for law enforcement to provide adequate protection.

A WA Liberal Government will tackle this crisis head-on with a comprehensive strategy to strengthen police presence, particularly in regional centres where crime is out of control.

We recognise the urgent need to fill vacant police roles and ensure that more officers are deployed on the ground, patrolling the streets and responding swiftly to incidents.

Our approach will be firm and unwavering—we will be unapologetically tough on crime.

This means implementing measures that not only address immediate concerns but also deter future criminal activity, restoring a sense of safety and security for businesses, residents and visitors in regional Western Australia.



RESTORING REGIONAL SERVICES

Regional Housing →

Home ownership is crucial in providing families with a stable foundation to raise children and pursue their aspirations.

Regional communities cannot thrive without adequate housing for essential workers.

WA Labor's failure to address the regional housing crisis is a key reason our regional towns are struggling to deliver critical services.

The current housing shortage forces people to leave their beloved regional areas for metropolitan centres, simply to access the services and opportunities many take for granted.

This exodus weakens the fabric of regional communities, depriving them of the very people who contribute to their character and vitality.

A WA Liberal Government will tackle this issue head-on by supporting the development of key worker housing in regional communities, empowering local governments and residents to manage their housing needs effectively.

We will make it easier to build homes where they are needed most, facilitating pathways for families to achieve home ownership, especially in regional Western Australia.

By prioritising housing development, we will ensure regional communities can attract and retain the essential workers and residents vital to their growth and success.

Regional Power →

Kalgoorlie and Geraldton have both been plagued by frequent and prolonged power outages, causing widespread disruption to daily life for residents and businesses alike.

These outages have not only resulted in significant inconvenience but have also severely impacted the local economies, with businesses in both cities facing substantial financial losses due to the lack of a stable power supply.

The Cook Labor Government has failed to invest in the critical infrastructure upgrades needed to secure a reliable energy grid for Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, and other regional areas, leaving communities vulnerable to continued disruptions.

A WA Liberal Government will prioritise investment in modernising the energy grid, ensuring that Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, and other regional centres receive the infrastructure upgrades they desperately need.

By focusing on building more reliable and resilient energy systems, we will secure a stable power supply that reduces outages and enables local communities to operate without fear of ongoing power disruptions.

This investment will allow businesses to grow, residents to live without constant power interruptions, and regional economies to thrive, fostering sustainable development and economic stability in these important centres.

DELIVERING A BETTER FUTURE

Western Australia is a prosperous state and undoubtedly the best place to live and work – but it could be better.

The Cook Labor Government has banked record budget surpluses, off the back of strong GST returns, mining royalties, and other state taxes, but our essential services are going backwards.

Our health system is broken, violent crime is out of control, our housing industry is in crisis, and cost-of-living increases are rampant.



The Cook Labor Government is failing on the basics.

Western Australians are paying the price.

Rather than addressing the rising cost of living, WA Labor has instead increased fees and charges by more than \$1,000, while cutting funding to the charities helping those most in need.

After seven years in government, WA Labor's legacy is a \$10 billion blowout on an unfinished railroad.

At the same time, regional hospitals desperate for upgrades have been shelved, and our police force and health system are chronically understaffed.

The WA Liberals have travelled the state meeting with communities, businesses, and industry. They have told us Western Australia is heading in the wrong direction.

We have listened.

THE WA LIBERALS ARE FOCUSED ON THE RIGHT PRIORITIES

➤ Better health care

➤ Safer communities

➤ Fixing the housing crisis

➤ Meaningful cost of living support.

This document provides the platform that will guide the policies and decisions of a future WA Liberal Government.

Between now and the election, we will release more details about how we will deliver in these key areas.

Every Western Australian should be enjoying the benefits of the prosperity in our state, but under WA Labor they are not.

A WA Liberal Government will ensure Western Australians have access to the best healthcare system in the country again, will no longer be afraid to go out on the streets at night, and can take advantage of the abundance of opportunities our state offers.

That is what the Liberal Party has always stood for and is the very least Western Australians deserve.

Only a WA Liberal Government will focus on the right priorities for Western Australians.



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