

## Regional & Remote



### Main Investments

Where is the money going?	How much is being invested?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of the <b>WA Regional Digital Connectivity Program</b> to improve mobile and internet coverage in the regions. This new program will leverage the Commonwealth and industry co-funding available for the expansion of mobile broadband and other digital connectivity solutions in regional, rural and remote areas across Australia.</li> </ul>	\$48.6 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Redevelopment of Roebourne District High School. Construction</b> will commence to create a social and culturally-led learning environment for students from pre-school through to secondary school, with specific programs to engage Aboriginal children.</li> </ul>	\$42 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of <b>regional airfare caps</b> to reduce to cost of travel for families and communities living in regional areas of WA.</li> </ul>	\$19.5 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of the <b>Students with Disabilities and Complex Behaviour Framework</b> to support WA schools to provide more appropriate and individualised support to students. This is state-wide.</li> </ul>	4.6 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Additional funding for disaster recovery efforts, including for Tropical Cyclone Seroja.</b> Details of these efforts have not yet been shared, but many are still affected by past extreme weather events.</li> </ul>	\$4.2 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Programs to attract international students to live, work and study in regional WA</b>, targeting skills shortage areas. This includes aged care, disability, childcare, hospitality and tourism.</li> </ul>	\$2.4 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Incentives for employers and apprentices involved in rebuilding disaster-affected regions</b> including those communities impacted by Tropical Cyclone Seroja</li> </ul>	\$1.6 million

### Our Response

<i>The good:</i>	<i>The bad:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work to improve equitable internet access and connection is critical for people living and working in regional WA. This can support access to education, employment and health services for young people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding to attract individuals to regional areas of WA are positive but will require a greater focus on sustainability and community development. Our consultations have showed the greatest barriers to retaining workers in the regions are housing, cost of living and other liveability factors. We need a focus on improving amenities and</li> </ul>

	communities to ensure the investment sees a long-term impact.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional airfare caps are very positive and will support families to access vital services. We know that young people and their families need to travel for access to health services and specialist appointments. We hope this is matched by a more sustainable investment to ensure appropriate services are available locally.</li></ul>	