

## **2016 Western Australia Budget Reply**

**May 2016**

On Thursday 18 May 2016 the Western Australia (WA) Opposition Leader, the Hon. Mark McGowan MLA, delivered the Opposition's response to the WA Budget.

Mr McGowan said diversifying and restoring the WA economy were at the core of WA Labor's policy platform.

### **The economy**

Mr McGowan expressed concern at the worsening of WA's fiscal position under the Barnett Government. He said that of specific concern were the Government's inconsistent positions on privatisation of public assets and lost opportunities in the defence manufacturing sector.

Mr McGowan said that WA Labor's plans for diversifying the WA economy and job creation included commitments in the areas of:

- Innovation;
- Tourism and hospitality;
- Manufacturing;
- Red tape reduction;
- Science;
- Training;
- Renewables;
- Infrastructure;
- Defence;
- Coding;
- Asian engagement;
- Agriculture; and
- Local content and Aboriginal procurement.

### **Transport and Infrastructure**

Mr McGowan said that Metronet was a central component to WA Labor's long term public transport plan. He said that the plan would create jobs and would connect Perth suburbs.



## **Labor's policy priorities**

Other policy priorities outlined in Mr McGowan's Budget Reply included:

- EduCare
- An improved relationship with non-government organisations
- Improved disability services
- A focus on equal pay and treatment of women and domestic and family violence
- A focus on animal cruelty

## **Further information**

WA Labor's plan for innovation can be viewed [here](#), Brand WA and tourism [here](#), Local Content [here](#), Training [here](#) and Engagement in the Asian region [here](#).

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