

# WA Election 2021 – Scorecard

## WACOSS Election Priorities

|   | Labor | Liberals | Greens | Nationals |
|---|-------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Create 25,000 quality jobs in the care economy by 2025 to support those most in need  |       |          |        |           |
| Establish independent, Aboriginal-led oversight of our justice system to end the disproportionate imprisonment of Indigenous people |       |          |        |           |
| Target help to the 20% of children growing up in poverty who are falling behind on early development                                |       |          |        |           |
| Increase social housing stock by 2,500 new dwellings a year to tackle WA's affordable housing crisis                                |       |          |        | *         |
| Provide fast and effective support through community connectors for people seeking to access services and local opportunities       |       |          |        |           |
| Increase mental health community support by five-fold, and grow prevention spending to 5% of the total mental health spend          |       |          |        |           |

\* Weighted as regional specific

Little to No Alignment    Some Alignment    Strong Alignment

Detailed scorecards on housing, mental health and justice can be found at [www.unlockhousing.com.au](http://www.unlockhousing.com.au), [preventsupportheal.org.au](http://preventsupportheal.org.au) and [socialreinvestmentwa.org.au](http://socialreinvestmentwa.org.au).  
For more details on the WACOSS election priorities, visit [www.wacoss.org.au](http://www.wacoss.org.au)

## Relevant Election Commitments

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|--|--|--|---|--|
| <b>Create 25,000 quality jobs in the care economy by 2025</b>                                | <p>No direct election commitment</p> <p>Promise to create 125,000 new jobs, but no mention of community sector</p>   | <p>No direct election commitment</p> <p>Promise to deliver 200,000 new jobs, but no mention of community sector</p>  | <p>Direct new investments into education, aged care, health, mental health and disability services sectors to create thousands of jobs</p>  | <p>No direct election commitment</p>   |
| <b>Establish independent, Aboriginal-led oversight of our justice system</b>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$4.8m for an Aboriginal-led specialist family violence court in the Kimberley</li> <li>\$1.5m to Stage 2 of the Olabud Doogethu Halls Creek Justice Reinvestment Project</li> <li>Continued support for Target 120</li> </ul>  | <p>\$8.2m commitment to a Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement all recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody</li> <li>Co-design First Nations court models</li> <li>Support community-led local social reinvestment projects</li> </ul>   | <p>No election commitment</p>  |
| <b>Target help to the 20% of children growing up in poverty</b>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial support to assist vulnerable students to complete school based training or apprenticeship</li> <li>Improving access to childcare in the regions</li> <li>Free dental assessments from six months of age to 5 years</li> <li>\$6m to triple grandparent carers payment</li> <li>\$37.2m to support young people stay in foster care to age 21</li> </ul> | <p>\$30 million for an additional 10 Child and Parent Centres, providing an integrated one-stop-shop for families to access a range of early childhood development programmes, services and advice</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State schools funding based on needs of students to address disadvantage</li> <li>Targeted mental health services for early years</li> <li>Universally accessible and free childcare</li> <li>Abolish requirements for parents to pay for public school education</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upskilling 250 existing regional childcare educators per year</li> <li>\$5m to boost VacSwim</li> <li>Increase Boarding Away from Home Allowance for public school students</li> <li>\$10m for a Regional School Parent Association Grants Program</li> </ul> |
| <b>Increase social housing stock by 2,500 new dwellings a year</b>                           | <p>No election commitment</p> <p>The WA Housing Strategy 2020-2030 has a target of 2,600 dwelling over 10 years</p>  | <p>Construct 4,600 housing units over the next 5 years</p>   | <p>Build 15,000 new low-carbon homes over 3 years and mandate 10% social housing in new developments</p>  | <p>Commit \$11m for an immediate spend to construct 1000 emergency and social housing units in the regions</p>   |
| <b>Provide support through community connectors</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two new one-stop FDV hubs to be opened in regional WA and Perth, in addition to two recently established</li> <li>\$4.2m to support 9 CNDS transition to the Empowering Communities program</li> </ul>  | <p>No election commitment</p>  | <p>Improve access to services and support across the care sectors</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$91.5m to CRC network, incl 2-year trial for Community Support Liaison Officers</li> <li>Investigate models of care that support local service delivery</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Increase mental health community support five-fold and grow prevention spending to 5%</b> | <p>\$361.6m mental health package weighted towards hospital care and facilities. No commitment to targets for prevention and community support</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$45.5m to map and fill the gaps in mental health prevention services</li> <li>\$35m to fund a comprehensive state suicide prevention strategy</li> </ul>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing funding for prevention to \$50m annually</li> <li>Fund evidence-based suicide prevention programs, including community-level and targeted programs</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$5m for school mental health first aid, universal prevention and emotional learning skills</li> <li>\$20m over five years for Rural and Remote Neighbourhood Centres</li> </ul>  |