

## Climate

WACOSS supports the Government's investment in Climate resilience measures and while these initiatives are welcomed much more needs to be done with a high degree of urgency.

### WA Labor 2025 Election Commitments

<b>Election Commitment</b>	<b>Plant more trees in Perth (Treebates and Urban Canopy Program)</b>
<b>Status</b>	<i>Funded (BP2, V2 P708 &amp; BP3, P160)</i>
<b>Investment</b>	<b>\$16.9 over 4 years</b>
<b>Description</b>	The commitment incentivises Western Australians to plant native trees on their properties (through the Treebates scheme). The Urban Canopy Program will provide grants to local governments and community organisations to assist with the cost of planting trees.
<b>Implications</b>	<i>These initiatives will help to cool neighbourhoods, reduce energy use and improve air quality. They will also engage residents directly building local ownership of greening efforts.</i>

<b>Election Commitment</b>	<b>Build climate resilience in regional areas and address the impacts of climate change on water resources</b>
<b>Status</b>	<i>Funded (BP2 V2, P664 &amp; BP3 P218)</i>
<b>Investment</b>	<b>\$22.2 million over 4 years</b>
<b>Description</b>	These initiatives will improve climate resilience in regional areas and address the impacts of climate change on water resources. They include: \$8.5 million investment to protect and improve the water quality of the Peel-Harvey estuary; Kalgoorlie-Boulder's Water Bank Project to increase the City's non-potable water supply; Environmental regulation and water licensing assessment and approvals for the Pilbara region.
<b>Implications</b>	<i>These initiatives are important steps in ensuring Western Australia can sustainably manage its water resources in the face of climate change. They not only help safeguard ecosystems and livelihoods today but also lay the groundwork for more resilient, adaptive regional communities in the decades ahead.</i>

<b>Election Commitment</b>	<b>The Healthy Oceans Program</b>
<b>Status</b>	<i>Funded (BP2 V2, P686)</i>
<b>Investment</b>	<b>\$5 million over 4 years</b>
<b>Description</b>	This program will provide grants to support research into seagrass bed restoration and enable the delivery of restoration projects in marine

	locations around the State. It will enhance ocean health, fish stocks and climate change resilience
<b>Implications</b>	<i>Seagrass meadows play an important role in carbon sequestration.</i>

## **Other Significant Investments**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Climate Action Fund</b>
<b>Investment</b>	<b>\$417 million over 4 years</b> (BP3, P24)
<b>Description</b>	This funding is for various climate action initiatives including Collie's industrial transition, renewable hydrogen projects, decarbonisation works for the King Rocks Wind Farm and expansion of the Warradarge Wind Farm.
<b>Implications</b>	<i>These are welcomed initiatives</i>