Energy

WACOSS is pleased to see some investment in the clean energy transition. Into the future, it is critical that people on low income and renters are better supported to participate and access cheap, renewable energy.

WA Labor 2025 Election Commitments

Election Commitment	**Battery in Kalgoorlie**
Status	*Not Funded*
Investment	
Description	This project was projected to commence by 2029.
Implications	

Election Commitment	**Residential Battery Scheme**
Status	*Funded (BP3, P108 & P110 & BP2, V1, P200)*
Investment	**$387 million over 4 years**
Description	The Residential Battery Scheme will support the purchase and installation of residential batteries to reduce household electricity bills and facilitate the transition to clean energy. This investment includes the provision of interest-free loans to eligible households and rebates on the cost of residential batteries.
Implications	*This is a positive initiative to support household participation in the energy transition. Unfortunately, it will not be accessible for low income households due to the significant cost of living pressures they are facing. Targeted support for low income households to access consumer energy resources is critical to a fair and fast transition.*

Election Commitment	**TAFE investment in clean energy workforce**
Status	*Funded (BP3, P128 & P184 & P186, & BP2, V1, P383 & P374)*
Investment	**$0.5 million in 2025-26**
Description	$350,000 in funding for business case development for the $17.1 million Munster TAFE Expansion, to provide state-of-the-art facilities for training in renewable industries, including wind energy, battery technology, green hydrogen, electrification, automation and robotics. Project planning and delivery activities will be supported by further spending of $79,000 in 2025-26
Implications	*Investment in a specialised workforce is critical to the state's clean energy transition.*

Other Significant Investments

Initiative	**Clean Energy Link – North Program**
Investment	**$542 million in 2025-26** *(BP3, P172 & BP2, V2, P779)*
Description	This involves upgrading transmission lines to allow new wind capacity to connect in the Wheatbelt and Mid-West, and to undertake other early investigative works for potential transmission network augmentations to support the decarbonisation of the SWIS and enable more renewable energy sources to be connected.
Implications	*Supporting the supply of renewable energy is critical to the clean energy transition.*