

Climate

Climate resilience is a critical issue for current and future generations in Western Australia. The WA Government has invested in initiatives that will contribute to resilience by planning for projected climate impacts and building community capability.

Heatwaves are the deadliest disaster and are becoming more frequent and severe across WA. People at highest risk are those with existing health conditions, experiencing homelessness or living in poor quality housing. We also know that climate change will affect people who live with pre-existing disadvantage. We urge the WA Government to set ambitious climate targets and invest in measures to help vulnerable people affected by high heat.

Initiative	Extending Climate Adaptation Capability (BP3, P169)
Investment	\$2.5 million over four years.
Description	This additional funding will support priority work on the Sector Adaptation Plan Program and Climate Risk Capability Initiative.
Implications	<i>WACOSS welcomes the increased investment in sector-specific adaptation planning, an area increasingly recognised as integral for the community services sector.</i>

Initiative	Regional Water Source Fund (BP2, V2, P775)
Investment	\$52.9 million.
Description	To fast-track planning for future regional water sources.
Implications	<i>Securing WA's water future requires sustained planning, investment and delivery of resilient water sources. This fund aims to ensure regional communities have secure access to water in a changing climate.</i>

Initiative	Circular Economy Grants Program (BP3, P169)
Investment	\$17.8 million over three years.
Description	Grants and targeted support for the collection and recycling of end-of-life solar panels and embedded batteries to aid the development of local recycling capacity and market development.
Implications	<i>This funding will help promote sustainability in WA.</i>