



What the Affordable Housing Action Plan means for our Regions

The McGowan Government recognises that secure and affordable housing provides an essential foundation for individual and family stability, resilience and connection to community, and that's true whether you live in Kununurra, Esperance or anywhere else across Western Australia. Accordingly, our Affordable Housing Action Plan has a statewide focus that will benefit regional communities, as well as metropolitan areas.

Beginning in the Kimberley, our Plan will reform the delivery of housing and support services through the Department of Communities. It will also progress renewal and development projects in major centres, deliver a boost for social housing, crisis accommodation and Keystart home loans across the State, and work with Aboriginal people to improve employment, education and life outcomes through access to housing. Almost a quarter (over 1,800 of 7,700) of the additional homes to be delivered under our Plan will be in regional areas. Some of the specific actions that will benefit people in regional communities are summarised below.

People

- Commencing in the Kimberley, implement integrated regional teams and place-based services designed and delivered according to local needs
- Through the North West Aboriginal Housing Fund and transitional housing initiatives, use access to housing to promote employment, education and general wellbeing outcomes
- Invest \$20.5m capital for new and refurbished crisis accommodation for people dealing with family violence, homelessness and drug and/or alcohol issues, including in Collie and nine other regional towns
- Commence construction of mental health 'step-up step-down' facilities in Broome, Karratha and Bunbury, to help prevent the need for hospital admission and to support people after discharge.



Place

- Develop a statewide Urban Renewal Plan, while continuing to plan and develop regional renewal projects in Bunbury and in Albany
- Continue major land and housing developments in Dalyellup, Albany and Geraldton in partnership with the private sector
- As part of the South-West Native Title Settlement, contribute to the Noongar Community and Economic Participation Frameworks and transfer 121 properties to the Noongar Boodja Trust.



Home

- Support Keystart low deposit home loans with over \$4billion in State borrowings, 25% of which flows to regional home buyers
- Finance nearly 6,000 additional Keystart low deposit home loans statewide
- Investigate a targeted Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme to assist regionally based Aboriginal government employees to purchase homes
- Undertake a feasibility study in partnership with Curtin University to assess the viability of renewable energy technology in remote communities.

