

MAKING POLLUTERS PAY

A FUTURE
FOR ALL OF US



ENDING FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES ▲

The Greens will make the fossil fuel industry pay their fair share by ending unfair subsidies.

Right now our economy doesn't work for us. Big corporations are using their influence and political donations to gain more for themselves, while many people across our communities are struggling to afford a roof over their head or to put food on the table.

Instead of embracing renewable energy and tackling climate change, both the Labor and the Liberal parties have used public money to prop up the coal, gas and oil industries while accepting millions of dollars in political donations from them.

Here in WA, the fossil fuel lobby continues to do everything it can to undermine action on climate change and block the transition to renewable technology.

Between 2008 and 2014, the WA State Government spent an estimated total of \$6.2 billion on support to the mining and fossil fuel industry¹.

The McGowan Government continues to use public money to subsidise and prop up the coal and gas industries, instead of planning and investing in clean, innovative industries of the future. In the 2018/2019 state budget papers alone, the Government committed over

\$1 billion in subsidies for the oil and gas, coal and mining industries. Of this, \$875 million was directly associated with fossil fuel infrastructure projects, financial assistance programs and grants for exploration drilling.

This is our public money that should be used to invest in the future of our state, not in the dying coal and gas industries. Investing in these industries is poor economic policy and disastrous for our climate and our future.

The Greens will end fossil fuel subsidies, saving our state over \$875 million per year that we can invest in job-creating industries such as the care economy, the clean energy sector and environmental regeneration and land management.

The Greens will:

- ▲ **End fossil fuel subsidies, raising over \$875 million per year** for reinvestment in climate change solutions and green industries

1. As determined via the Australia Institute's analysis of state budget papers: <https://www.tai.org.au/sites/default/files/Mining%20the%20age%20of%20entitlement.pdf>