# WA 2.0 THE GREENS VISION FOR WA







# Imagine what Western Australia could look like if we invested in the things that matter.

Imagine if we put people first and addressed the growing inequality in WA.

Imagine if we invested in infrastructure for the future, starting with an affordable, networked public transport system that would mean we could design our city differently and take the pressure off our roads, land and precious natural places.

Imagine if we protected our children's future and took serious action on global warming by investing in renewable energy and diversifying our economy.

The Greens have set out a plan to achieve this vision. Comprised of a series of detailed studies and policy initiatives, our plan provides a tangible, costed transition plan for a truly sustainable, prosperous and connected WA.

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# **THE** RENEWABLE **ENERGY TRANSITION IS THE NEXT RESOURCES** BOOM"

## ACTION ON GLOBAL WARMING

Global warming is the biggest challenge of our time and is putting our health, our economy and our precious places at risk. We must take real action on global warming and this why the Greens have a plan to transition WA towards a clean energy future.

Renewable technologies are clean, already create more jobs than coal generation, are driving down power prices and have advanced to a stage where they can provide secure base load power.

With over 300 sunny days in a year, a long stretch of coastline, and being one of the windiest regions in the world, the potential for WA to generate renewable energy from our natural resources is enormous.

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## **RENEW WA**

Our Renew WA study puts forward credible scenarios for meeting WA's south-west grid electricity demand entirely through energy efficiency, fuel switching, and a range of renewable energy technologies.

The Greens have committed to reaching 100% renewable energy by 2029. The study shows this is not only possible but also, in the long run, cheaper than business as usual.

Our plan builds off the comprehensive, costed vision we articulated in the ground-breaking Energy 2029 study, and will create up to 11,000 - 13,000 new jobs every year, including up to 3500 in manufacturing.

A clean energy powered economy is inevitable. However, for WA to secure all the benefits of lower process, better technologies, more jobs, competitive advantages, significant export opportunities for innovative technologies and services, building the clean economy needs to start right now.

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# INDUSTRIES OF THE FUTURE

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## **NEW ECONOMY**

## Western Australia's economy is in transition like never before.

The industries that have brought us prosperity in the past are now holding us back from creating prosperity for the future. The Greens are committed to renewing and diversifying our economy from one that relies on the declining industries of the past to one that provides the jobs and opportunities of the future.

The Greens have identified a number of sunrise and established industries that show enormous potential to grow the Western Australian economy and create jobs in the future. Renewable energy, tourism, small business, infrastructure and construction, advanced manufacturing, and Research and Development all have the potential to boost the Western Australian economy and create jobs, if invested in appropriately by government.

Maintaining a strong public sector also lies at the heart of the Greens policy. We value the skills of public services workers and want to protect those jobs that deliver critical services to the community, both now and into the future.

## If invested in appropriately, these industries have the potential to boost the WA economy: Renewable Energy Tourism Small Business Infrastructure & Construction Advanced Manufacturing Research & Development

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## EQUALITY AND OPPORTUNITY

As a prosperous state, Western Australia can ensure that all people are treated fairly, are treated with compassion and can access world-class public health care, education and services.

## **Recognition for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

Australia has unfinished business. Sovereignty was never ceded. To be a truly reconciled nation it is crucial that we address the issues of sovereignty and treaties.

## **Tackling Inequality**

Growing inequality is one of the greatest challenges we face. The Greens have developed a plan to tackle inequality and poverty, with a focus on strengthening our social security safety net, increasing low income support payments, moving towards universal, guaranteed social services and addressing increasingly insecure employment and underemployment.

## Homelessness

Every night 10,000 Western Australians don't have a place to call home. More than a quarter are children under 18. Homelessness has no place in a wealthy state like WA. The Greens have a commitment to double the federal funding for homelessness services.

## Tax Reform

Over the last 20 years the share of income going to those at the top has risen, while the share flowing to those in the middle and at the bottom has sharply declined. The Greens have a progressive plan for tax reform that helps raise the revenue we need.

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## WEST AUSTRALIANS LIVING IN POVERTY



112,995 Households (12.6%)

★★★★★ 248,016
★★★★★ People (10.8%)



66,384 Children (11.7%) "Green cities are beautiful cities, healthy cities and resilient cities."

## PRECIOUS PLACES

WA has many unique and precious places from our wonderful forests and woodlands, to our greens spaces in the city to our stunning marine environment and incredible gorges.

## **Greening Our City**

The Greens have a plan to keep our city cool and beautiful with a protected network of Urban Forests, linked together with green corridors, tree-lined streets, parks and backyard gardens. With smart planning we can all live within a 5 minute walk of our local park or greenway, stay cool in summer, and protect Perth's precious natural places.

#### Greens.org.au/wa/urbanforest

- 75% of Perth's original bushland and wetlands have been lost.
- 2015 was the hottest year on record.
- Heatwaves kill more Australians than all other natural disasters (bushfires, cyclones etc)
- Trees can cool a city street by 6 degrees celcius.

• A single tree is worth up to \$193,250 in ecosystem services such as air filtration, stormwater management, Co2 reductions and property value increases.

## **Marine Sanctuaries**

Australia has unique and internationally renowned marine and coastal environments which need protection to ensure their long term survival and ongoing viability of sustainable industries.

In addition to their unparalleled ecological value, our marine assets are the backbone of our tourism and sustainable fishing industries and are iconic to the way of life of millions of Australians.

The Greens are committed to ensuring healthy marine environments for future generations.

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## **CREATING CONNECTED CITIES**

To accommodate Perth's anticipated population growth whilst facing the challenges of our time we need a 21st century approach to our city planning.

## Transit City

After years of inadequate planning and insufficient investment in efficient and reliable transport options, Perth residents have become heavily dependent on private vehicles. Without changing the way public transport is currently planned and prioritised, congestion will continue to worsen which impacts individuals, businesses and the environment.

Transit City is the Greens' vision for the future of Perth in which the community is provided with a multi-modal, interconnected network of high frequency public transport, providing all residents, including those in the outer suburbs, with the opportunity to go from anywhere to anywhere efficiently and conveniently.

## **#Design Perth**

If we get transport right then we can design our city better. By building more dense activity centres around transport hubs we can offer diverse housing choices, making housing more affordable, and provide easy access to community services to all those that live nearby.

Building on our award winning Transforming Perth study, the Greens latest project #DesignPerth is a collaboration between Property Council, CODA and CUSP that showcases what could be possible here in Perth with world class urban design. It identifies roadblocks to us achieving a more connected, liveable and sustainable city and offers some solutions to overcome them, including the need to build meaningful community engagement into our planning processes.

#### Greens.org.au/wa/transitcity Greens.org.au/wa/bikevision

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## REFUGEES

## Australians have a proud history of helping those who are in need.

People seeking asylum have been an asset to Western Australia for generations and they can help make our state stronger than it has ever been.

As the world faces a humanitarian crisis, the Greens' bold and responsible vision will see us help 50,000 people who are in need of protection every single year, including 10,000 under a new 'skilled refugee' programme.

We are a generous and caring nation. We can welcome people seeking asylum who will help build our communities and contribute to our economy.

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# SAFETY FOR 50,000 PEOPLE

- Increase the number of people Australia helps from 13,750 to 50,000 per year
- Fairly and efficiently assess people's refugee claims where they are waiting
- Establish a Skilled Refugee visa program for 10,000 people

## **HEALTHY REGIONS**

Healthy rural and regional communities are essential for our food security, economy and cultural identity. The Greens have a vision for a prosperous regional WA that offers high quality services, and clean, green agricultural products.



# Agriculture and Looking After our Farmers

The long-term sustainability of agriculture is essential for food security, economy and environment. Many threats are facing the sector, including climate change and competition for farm land. Rural Australia faces complex agricultural,

environmental and social challenges that the Greens are strongly committed to addressing.

### **Services In the Regions**

People living in the regions should have access to quality public health care, education, social services and infrastructure.

The Greens have a costed plan to raise the revenue we need to fund and deliver these services including a regional rail connecting Geraldton, Kalgoorlie and the south-west and a world-class National Broadband Network that allows regional communities and businesses to remain connected and globally competitive.

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## DEMOCRACY

Refreshing our democracy is vital to ensure that we all have a say in the decisions shaping our future and that our representatives are accountable to us.

The Greens believe that those with money and wealth shouldn't be able to buy political influence on issues that matter most, like global warming. We are committed to ensuring that those marginalised and with little power have their voice heard and can meaningfully participate in the political process.

The reformed Senate electoral system, under which the 2016 election will be held, puts power back into the hands of the Australian people. So make sure your vote counts this election.

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