




# SUPPORT WA MANUFACTURING

TO BUILD THE WA OF TOMORROW,  
WE NEED TO START TODAY

A plan to create the Transport  
Manufacturing Hub of the future





# A NEW TRANSPORT MANUFACTURING HUB

The mining boom taught us that government needs to take every opportunity to diversify the economy and create sustainable jobs in a range of industries for the future.

In the same way that the State Government's investment in the Australian Marine Complex in Perth has underpinned the development of a world-class ship building industry, an investment in a Transport Manufacturing Hub in the South West could underpin the development of a world-class train, tram and bus building industry.

The Transport Manufacturing Hub would be a 21st century advanced manufacturing facility, capable of creating jobs and opportunities for generations by meeting WA's transport needs, as well as taking advantage of opportunities around Australia and the world.

This facility would become a vehicle for collaboration between industry and


government to give young West Australians training opportunities and modern, portable skills that would last a lifetime.

To capture this opportunity, our State Government must underwrite the development of common user infrastructure and make appropriate land available to the private sector for the development of a Transport Manufacturing Hub.

Manufacturing companies are ready to get to work establishing train, tram and bus workshops. All they need is the right infrastructure. Let's seize this opportunity and help build the next big industry to sustain the South West in the 21st century.



## WHY BUILD IN THE SOUTH WEST?



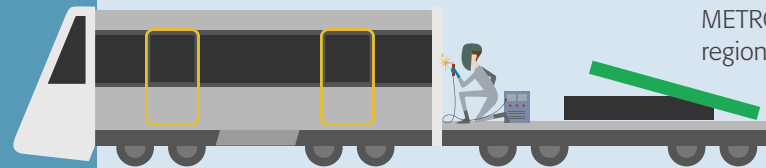
Rail has created jobs and opportunities in the South West for generations, and has supported jobs and opportunities in other industries, such as farming, timber and mining. There is no better place in WA to build our new trains, trams and buses. With an abundance of State-owned industrial land near port and rail infrastructure, Picton is the perfect location to base WA's Transport Manufacturing Hub.

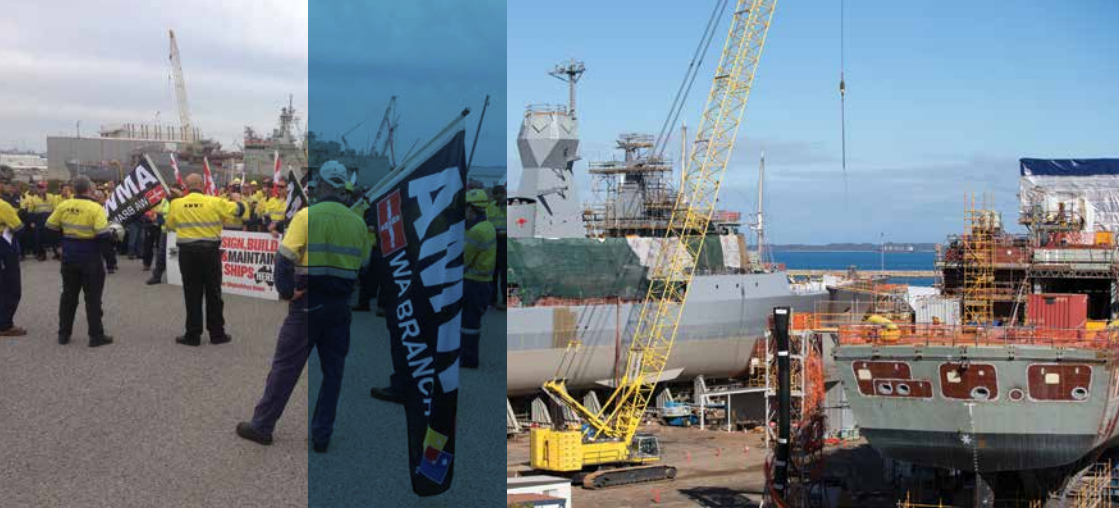
### **Basing a Transport Manufacturing Hub in the South West would:**

- Provide new opportunities for workers affected by changes to the South West's energy and coal industries, and provide a just transition for those workers and their families
- Create new jobs and training opportunities for a region experiencing some of WA's highest youth unemployment rates
- Deliver sustainable jobs and training opportunities in the skilled occupations of the future

- Support the long-term future of South West communities and small businesses, as up-and down-stream suppliers bring investment and more jobs to the area
- Build an industry that can compete for interstate and overseas public and private rolling stock builds, bringing in millions to the WA economy

While the establishment of a Transport Manufacturing Hub in the South West is about meeting the long term train, tram and bus needs of government and industry, there would also be an opportunity to build our new METRONET trains there, once developed. This would ensure METRONET delivers benefits in regional WA, not just in Perth.





## THE AUSTRALIAN MARINE COMPLEX: A BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS

Since opening in 2003, the facility has surpassed all expectations, generating in excess of \$2.4 billion for the local economy and creating more than 37,400 jobs through some 417 projects.



You don't have to look far into our past to see how we've created a thriving manufacturing industry from scratch.

At Henderson, the Australian Marine Complex (AMC) is already home to world class manufacturing, ship-building and defence technology industries.

The AMC has established international credentials for the repair, maintenance and construction of naval and commercial vessels, as well as the infrastructure for the fabrication and assembly of offshore oil and gas modules.

Only 15 years after getting started, Henderson is home to the largest marine industry in Australia.

We've done it with marine manufacturing; we can do it with transport.

## THE DANGERS OF NOT BUILDING LOCAL

We've seen what happens when governments try to save money on transport. What might seem penny wise today has turned out to be pound foolish in the long run.

### Some recent experiences with overseas rail include:

- Queensland's new \$4.4 billion Indian-built rail fleet has been plagued by problems, including failing air conditioning, braking issues and a design that does not meet minimum legal standards
- In NSW, a \$2 billion fleet of new trains built in South Korea were discovered to be too wide to safely operate and were in danger of colliding with tunnel walls
- Here in WA, asbestos was found in Chinese-imported rail carriage friction wear plates purchased within the last decade

As the saying goes, if you want something done right, do it yourself. WA has the workers and the know-how to build trains, trams and buses that will meet our standards and serve the state for decades to come. Best of all, the money spent on the work stays in WA.

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# DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISE



The State Government was elected on a promise to make jobs its number one priority, and deliver a plan to diversify the WA economy and create new jobs and opportunities in industries like manufacturing.

**Throughout the campaign, Mark McGowan and WA Labor guaranteed that they would deliver:**

- A continuous rail build: creating sustained job creation for WA's local workforce
- A passenger train manufacturing strategy: guaranteed levels of local passenger rolling stock manufacturing and local jobs
- A project of strategic significance to maximise the number of local jobs

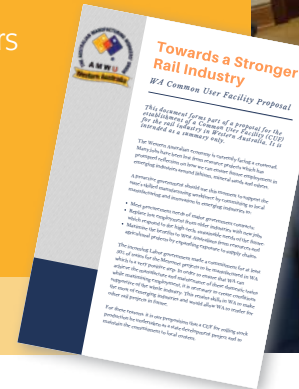
- The economic diversification of the Collie economy to support the growth of the jobs of the future
- Make provision for infrastructure requirements to ensure the state remains an attractive place to invest

The Barnett Government was asleep at the wheel and missed the opportunity to use our once in a lifetime mining boom to build new industries that lasted beyond the boom.

The people of WA gave Mark McGowan and his team a mandate at the 2017 election to re-energise the WA economy with a plan for WA jobs.

Since the election, we've continued to ask the McGowan Government to deliver on their promises and maximise the potential of rail manufacturing for the WA economy.

We've had hundreds of people sign our petitions calling on the State Government to back South West workers. We've flooded social media with messages of support to keep WA jobs local and to revitalise the WA manufacturing industry. We've written open letters outlining the case for a Transport Manufacturing Hub in the South West.



The new Labor Government has made a good start, but they need to deliver on all of their job-creating election promises and continually work on new strategies to create local jobs and training opportunities.

With many businesses struggling and more people worried about employment, underemployment and casualisation, jobs will continue to be a major political issue.

Our campaign is about keeping the State Government focused on jobs, as well as putting forward new ideas to create long term industries in areas like train, tram and bus manufacturing, and ship building.

The people of WA want the McGowan Government to lead the way and build

an industry that can strengthen our economy and generate thousands of jobs.

The construction of a Transport Manufacturing Hub in the South West would be a true state-building project. By using our world class skills and infrastructure linked with TAFE, schools and universities for design and engineering, we can create a new industry using a model with a proven track record. We need your support to deliver this plan under a McGowan Labor Government.





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