

## 100 Days of the Liberal-National Government 23 September – 31 December 2008

### THE ECONOMY

COMMITMENT	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Immediately meet with Inpex</b></li> </ul>	The Premier met Inpex the day after swearing in. Since then there has been on-going communication between the proponents and the Government.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appoint an Economic Audit Panel</b></li> </ul>	The Treasurer announced the establishment of an economic audit group on 27 October.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Commence work on the Tax Reform and Reduction Strategy</b></li> </ul>	The economic audit group will examine State tax policies and options for regulatory reforms to increase the State's economic efficiency. The group met for the first time on 19 November and will report to the Government in March 2009. In addition, the Government has announced a 7 per cent reduction in Land Tax.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

COMMITMENT	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Release all information into the Varanus Island Gas Explosion</b></li> </ul>	Mines and Petroleum Minister released the final report into the Varanus Island offshore gas pipeline incident on 10 October.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduce legislation for fixed parliamentary terms</b></li> </ul>	Approved by Cabinet and announced by the Premier on 1 December. Legislation will be introduced early in 2009.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Restore an independent Freedom of information Commissioner</b></li> </ul>	Issue has been before Cabinet. The position has been advertised (closed 18 December) and an appointment will be made in the new year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Legislate for a proper register of political lobbyists</b></li> </ul>	Legislation is being prepared by the Public Sector Commissioner.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appoint an independent Public Sector Management and Standards Commissioner</b></li> </ul>	The Premier/Minister for Public Sector Management announced Mr Mal Wauchope as the first Public Sector Commissioner on 30 September.

## HEALTH

COMMITMENT	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduce the Royal Perth Hospital Protection Bill 2008</b></li> </ul>	This Bill was introduced by the Health Minister on 11 November.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appoint a permanent Director-General of the WA Health Department – but not pay the new Director general \$600,000 like Labor did</b></li> </ul>	The Health Minister announced the appointment of Dr Peter Flett as Director General on 21 October on a salary about \$90,000 less than the previous Director General.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Invest an immediate additional \$10m to reduce hospital waiting lists and establish the Office for Waiting List Advocate</b></li> </ul>	On 29 December, the Health Minister announced an extra \$30million over the next two years to reduce public patient waiting times for elective surgery. The terms of reference have been drafted for the Elective Wait List Advocate Committee with the first meeting scheduled for early 2009.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appoint WA's first Minister for Mental Health and an independent Mental Health and Wellbeing Commissioner</b></li> </ul>	Graham Jacobs was sworn in as Mental Health Minister on 23 September. Drafting of legislation to enable the appointment of a Commissioner is under way.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Identify the location for the first of five new disability out-of-home respite facilities</b></li> </ul>	The Disability Services Minister announced Broome as the site for this facility on 11 December.

## LAW AND ORDER

COMMITMENT	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scrap Labor's 'truth in sentencing' laws</b></li> </ul>	New legislation was introduced by the Liberal-National Government to Parliament on 26 November and passed 11 December.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduce mandatory sentences for assaults on police officers</b></li> </ul>	Bill introduced by the Liberal-National Government into Parliament on 4 December.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduce additional powers to restrict anti-social behaviour</b></li> </ul>	Work is progressing with a final model being developed. Racing and Gaming Minister announced on 30 December that legislation would be drafted to give police discretionary power to seize and dispose of unopened liquor from people drinking in public. On 8 November the Liberal-National Government enacted a legislated alcohol ban at Oombulgurri.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Re-establish the Graffiti taskforce and increase penalties</b></li> </ul>	Approved by Cabinet and announced by Police Minister and Attorney General on 22 December.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Increase penalties for hoons</b></li> </ul>	Approved by Cabinet and announced by Police Minister and Attorney-General 22 December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Repeal Labor's soft-on-cannabis laws and legislate tougher penalties for drug possession</b></li> </ul>	Legislation is being drafted for introduction in early 2009.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Commence work on a new juvenile prison facility for 18-22 yr olds</b></li> </ul>	Planning and site selection under way.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Legislate to provide medical benefits to former Police Officers for injuries relating to former duties</b></li> </ul>	The Police Officer's Medical and Other Expenses Bill 2008 was introduced by the Liberal-National Government on 11 November and passed by parliament on 3 December.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Commence work on the installation of CCTV as part of a \$6m Community Crime Prevention Program</b></li> </ul>	Announced on 22 December by Police Minister and Attorney-General.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Repeal Labor's prostitution legislation</b></li> </ul>	The legislation was not proclaimed by the Liberal-National Government.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reintroduce the Surrogacy Bill</b></li> </ul>	The Surrogacy Bill was reintroduced by the Liberal-National Government and passed by Parliament on 3 December.

## EDUCATION

COMMITMENT	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Immediately work with teachers for a \$120m boost to teachers</b></li> </ul>	An immediate 6 per cent pay increase for teachers was announced on 6 October by the Premier and Minister for Education. On 3 December the Minister for Education announced that teachers had voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Government's \$ 1.067billion salaries and conditions package, putting an end to the long-running teachers pay dispute.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Allocate initial additional funds to commence work on new schools and upgrades</b></li> </ul>	Issue has been before Cabinet - a formal and detailed announcement will soon follow.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduce new arrangements to give school principals more authority</b></li> </ul>	Work is progressing and details will be finalised early in 2009.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Start recruiting additional school chaplains and psychologists</b></li> </ul>	Issue has been before Cabinet - a formal and detailed announcement will soon follow.

## TRANSPORT

COMMITMENT	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commence planning work to deliver 3000 additional car parking spaces at train stations</li> </ul>	Work on site selection and design is under way.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocate \$5m to fast track upgrade of Greenbushes railway</li> </ul>	Funding was included in the Mid-year Review .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediately commence work on integrated public transport system blueprint</li> </ul>	Work has started and is progressing.

## REGIONAL AND RURAL WESTERN AUSTRALIA

COMMITMENT	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediately reinstate the Rural Crime Squad</li> </ul>	Announced by the Police Minister on 16 December.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the Living Away from Home Allowance to \$2,000</li> </ul>	Announced by the Education Minister and the Minister Assisting on 19 December.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide additional funding for the RFDS and PATS</li> </ul>	\$68.5 million for RFDS announced 3 December. PATS has been before Cabinet - a formal and detailed announcements will soon follow.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring forward additional funding for Kalgoorlie Hospital; fast track work on a new hospital for Albany; commence planning for upgrade of Nickol Bay Hospital Karratha</li> </ul>	Increased funding for Kalgoorlie Hospital was jointly announced by the Premier, Health Minister and Regional Development Minister on 15 November. Both Albany and Nickol Bay Hospitals have been before Cabinet - formal and detailed announcements will soon follow.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish funding criteria for the \$40m Northern Towns Development Fund</li> </ul>	Work is under way to establish this criteria.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start planning for a new South West Gas Pipeline from Bunbury to Albany</li> </ul>	Preliminary planning is under way.

## SENIORS

COMMITMENT	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Introduce a new Cost of Living Rebate for seniors</b></li></ul>	Announcement was made by the Seniors Minister on 15 October.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Provide free public transport for WA Seniors Card Holders, aged pensioners and disability support pensioners</b></li></ul>	The Government is currently working on expanding the hours of free travel for seniors. The service is expected to start in the first half of 2009.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Commission a review to expand the eligibility criteria for the WA Seniors Card</b></li></ul>	Announced by the Seniors Minister on 16 December.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Appoint a Seniors Ministerial Advisory Group</b></li></ul>	Announced by the Seniors Minister on 3 December.

## ENVIRONMENT

COMMITMENT	STATUS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Commence development on a Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy</b></li></ul>	Issue has been before Cabinet and preliminary planning has begun. A formal and detailed announcement will soon follow.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Commence work on a Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for the Great Western Woodlands</b></li></ul>	Issue has been before Cabinet - a formal and detailed announcement will soon follow.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Establish expanded eligibility criteria for solar power in schools</b></li></ul>	Announced by the Energy Minister on 5 December.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Establish criteria and funding for new \$6m Environmental Community Grants Program</b></li></ul>	Issue has been before Cabinet - a formal and detailed announcement will soon follow.