

Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

Wheatbelt to benefit from \$148m boost to job-creating diversification projects.

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- Cook Labor Government delivers on major economic diversification commitment.
- \$148.4 million allocated to 40 ground-breaking projects through the Investment Attraction Fund
- Projects in Wagin and Narrogin to receive \$7.7m in funding.

The Cook Labor Government is charging ahead with its plan to diversify WA's economy, with a massive \$148 million funding injection to 40 innovative, job-creating projects across the State through its signature Investment Attraction Fund.

As part of this, Unigrain based in Wagin will receive \$3m for a manufacturing facility to produce oat flour. Future Energy Australia in Narrogin will receive \$4.7m towards a renewable diesel biorefinery at the Narrogin Future Energy Park.

The Investment Attraction Fund was a key 2021 election commitment as part of the WA Jobs Plan, providing funding for projects in priority sectors that create local jobs, build on WA's economic strengths, and embrace future opportunities.

The 40 successful recipients will share \$148.4 million in grant funding, with projects spanning eight priority sectors: defence industries; energy; health and medical life sciences; international education; mining and mining equipment, technology, and services; primary industries; space industries; and tourism, events, and creative industries.

Comments attributed to Agricultural Region MLC Shelley Payne

"This announcement demonstrates the Cook Labor Government's commitment to regional development in Western Australia", she said.

"This funding is a significant boost for the Narrogin and Wagin communities, creating employment and economic growth opportunities."

Comments attributed to Premier Roger Cook:

"My Government is committed to securing the State's economic prosperity now, and for generations of Western Australians to come.

"Through the Investment Attraction Fund, we're driving a strong and diversified economy that delivers secure, quality jobs for the future."

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