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Budget briefing explores what the 2020 budget means for Peel

Over 65 guests attended the Peel Post Budget Breakfast Briefing event on Friday 9 October at Peel Thunder for a run-down on the highly anticipated State Budget. The briefing, hosted by the Peel Development Commission, was delivered by Minister David Templeman MLA and provided an opportunity for the Peel business community to come together to understand the state budget implications from a regional perspective and how it will set the course for the region's road to recovery over the coming 4 years.

The release of the WA Government's 2020-21 State budget demonstrated a focus on keeping WA safe and strong. Supporting the State's economic recovery plan and creating a pipeline of jobs across the Peel region was Minister Templeman's message as he outlined job-creating infrastructure and service delivery commitments in the Peel region. Key project investments for the Peel region included the new Bushfire Centre of Excellence in Nambeelup creating industry diversification opportunities and jobs. There was also \$8.65 million to upgrade infrastructure in East Keralup and \$2 million for upgrades at Mandurah Police Station.

Investment in our TAFE sector was also key for Peel in this budget with \$9.17 million already announced to South Metropolitan TAFE's Mandurah Campus for a new Hospitality and Tourism Training Centre. The budget also included \$25 million for free TAFE short courses. Statistics show that there has been a 20.5% increase in TAFE enrolments for Local Fees, Local Skills courses in the Peel region.

The budget is also investing in communities across the Peel with \$25 million towards upgrades at Peel Health Campus and funding of \$2 million towards the expansion of the Peel Therapeutic Women's Refuge to double the capacity of the Peel Refuge currently under construction.

Following the budget presentation, attendees participated in a lively Q&A session where the Minister answered questions from the audience about how the budget will affect specific issues and challenges particularly with regards to the region's COVID-19 recovery.

Mr Templeman said "thanks to the efforts of all West Australians, our economy is bouncing back solidly. This budget is focussed on record investment in infrastructure and vital job-creating projects and services to assist with the State's recovery. WA is in a strong position due to our hard borders and strong fiscal management."

The Peel Development Commission Deputy Chair, Alan Cransberg, said "It was a great event and the Minister's presentation did a terrific job of explaining the impacts this budget will have on the region. It was heartening to see so many representatives of the Peel business community in attendance and their enthusiastic engagement in the Q&A forum reflects the passion, determination and resilience that characterises our region."

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