



It's not about how much you spend it's how you spend it. Currently WA's mental health system is 'out of balance' which means a person needs to be in crisis to get care for their mental health challenge. The State Government's own ten-year mental health Plan 'Better Choices, Better Lives' set targets of where we should be spending the mental health budget to provide the right supports for people no matter where they live and what they earn.

The above graph shows where we started; the decided targets in the Plan and the latest figures. It shows successive State Governments have not progressed funding into mental health prevention or community support - the kinds of services that keep people well and out of hospital.

This State Election on March 13, you decide which party policy aligns with the Plan and increases funding into mental health prevention and community support!

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# Election 2021 Scorecard

	Labor	Liberal	Greens	Nationals
Commitment of investment to progress towards the target of 5% of the mental health budget spent on prevention by 2025.				
Commitment of investment to progress towards the target of 22% of the mental health budget being spent on community support by 2025.				
Inclusion in party policies of any of the specific initiatives set out in the Prevent Support Heal state election platform.				
Inclusion in party policies of any other specific initiatives in mental health prevention, community support, supported accommodation or the peer workforce.				
Other initiatives in the policy which progress the optimal mix of services set out in The Plan.				

Yes: strong commitment    
 No  
 Yes: some initiatives    
 Overall rating



Scorecard analysis was based on publicly announced policies and information provided to WAAMH by the key state parties. All major state parties were invited to provide details on their policies to address these five domains. The assessments presented here are based on analysis undertaken by WAAMH. This scorecard was developed on the basis that announced policies will be acted upon and appropriately funded.