



## PROTECTING OUR OCEANS AND RIVERS

- 53 Labor recognises that our love for our coasts, oceans and rivers is one of the great unifying values, which underpin our way of life in Western Australia. Labor has a proud history of creating marine parks and conservation areas, promoting the ecological sustainability of our fish stocks and mitigating the effects of urban sprawl, poor land use and climate change on our catchments.
- 54 However, Labor believes that our state's oceans, estuaries, waterways and catchments lack the robust, comprehensive governance mechanisms, which are needed to deliver the policy, and planning required to cope effectively with modern demands on the natural resources of the aquatic environment.
- 55 To that end, Labor will replace existing, separated jurisdictional responsibilities for management of oceans and rivers with a system which will be the basis for whole of government policy direction supported by dedicated implementation and service delivery.

## THE SWAN AND CANNING RIVERS

- 56 Labor shares the community's concern that the health of the Swan Canning river system is under threat. Labor will, as a matter of urgency:
- (a) Develop a comprehensive program to improve the health of the Swan Canning river system, which will include eliminating the amount of nutrient and non-nutrient pollutants entering the river system and audits of potential polluters;
  - (b) Ensure the regulation of river-based activities which threaten the stability of river banks, the sustainability of fish stocks and any other aspect of the ecology of the river system; and
  - (c) Revise the governance provisions relating to the Swan Canning river system with the object of coordinating all Commonwealth, State and local government funding to ensure that every dollar spent on the rivers contributes directly and effectively to the improved health of the Swan Canning river system, including its catchments.

## GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

- 57 Labor recognises that GMOs, if they escape into the wild, may pose a risk to biodiversity including interfering with wild genetic stock, disrupting the breeding systems of native species and damaging agricultural produce.
- 58 Labor will maintain a moratorium on GMOs and their respective products until these issues are resolved.

## KEEPING WESTERN AUSTRALIA NUCLEAR FREE

- 59 Labor recognises that enriching uranium poses significant risks to human health and the natural environment. Nuclear power is not the solution to climate change.
- 60 Labor will continue to:
- (a) Oppose the mining and export of uranium;
  - (b) Oppose nuclear enrichment, nuclear power and otherwise the production of dangerous radioactive waste;
  - (c) Oppose the storage of nuclear energy waste in Western Australia;
  - (d) Oppose the testing or use of nuclear weapons in Western Australia or near our coastline; and
  - (e) Encourage local governments to declare themselves 'Nuclear Free Zones'.