



**The Hon. Rick Mazza MLC**  
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## Media Statement

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### **Mazza welcomes Government reversal on CRC cuts**

Agricultural Region MLC Rick Mazza of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party has welcomed the State Government's decision to reverse its budget cuts to Community Resource Centres (CRCs) following significant public outcry.

The Government previously proposed to cut about \$5 million dollars from the State's CRC budget, representing a funding reduction of 40 per cent, but has now committed to fully fund CRCs at \$13 million per year.

"This is good news for the regions. I thank the Government for listening to the communities throughout Western Australia and reversing their decision," Mr Mazza said.

"CRCs are a valuable resource to local people, businesses and tourists.

"These cuts would have had a profoundly negative impact on the way centres covered operating costs and implemented courses, workshops and programs.

"I now call upon the Government to reverse the rest of their cuts to regional WA services, including the closure of Moora Residential College and the relinquishment of six Education Department Camp Schools."

Mr Mazza also highlighted the axing of Community Kindergartens with less than 16 children enrolled for 2019, and the plan to boost consolidated revenue by taking 20 per cent of the 40 per cent of on-farm generated money contributed to the Agricultural Education Provision Trust Fund.

"I congratulate everyone who made their voice heard and helped overturn the Government's CRC cuts," Mr Mazza said.

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