

## North West Ministers of Western Australia

A separate Ministry responsible for the North-West was established during the Mitchell Nationalist Government in 1919. There have been 24 Ministers for the North-West. There was no Ministry for the North-West in the Collier, Mitchell and Richard Court Governments. In the 2001 Gallop Government, the Ministry of the North West was divided into areas ie Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne and Goldfields-Esperance. This arrangement continued during the 2006 Carpenter Labor Government. In the 2008 Barnett Government the Minister for Regional Development became responsible for all regional matters including the North West.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
<b>Mitchell (Nat) 1919 -1924</b>	Hon Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC	Minister for Public Health, Education, Agriculture and <b>North-West</b>	17 May 1919	3 Apr 1921
		Minister for Education, <b>North West</b> and Justice	3 Apr 1921	17 June 1923
	Hon John Ewing, MLC	Minister for Education, <b>North West</b> and Justice	17 June 1923	15 Apr 1924
No Minister for the North-West in the Collier (ALP 1924 - 1930) and Mitchell (Nat 1930 - 1933) Governments				
<b>Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936</b>	Hon Harold Millington, MLA	Minister for Agriculture, Police and <b>the North West</b>	24 Apr 1933	26 Mar 1935
	Hon Frank Joseph Scott Wise, MLA	Minister for Agriculture and <b>the North West</b>	26 Mar 1935	15 July 1936
<b>Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945</b>		<b>No North West Ministry</b>	20 Aug 1936	
	Hon Aubrey Augustus Michael Coverley, MLA	<b>Minister for North West</b>	29 Mar 1939	9 Dec 1943
		<b>Minister for North West</b> and Forests	9 Dec 1943	31 July 1945
<b>Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947</b>	Hon Aubrey Augustus Michael Coverley, MLA	<b>Minister for North West</b> and Forests	31 July 1945	1 Apr 1947
<b>McLarty (Lib) 1947 -1953</b>	Hon Sir Duncan Ross McLarty, MLA, KBE, MM	Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Forests and <b>North-West</b>	1 Apr 1947	5 Jan 1948
		Premier, Treasurer, Minister for House, Forests and <b>North-West</b>	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949
		Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Forests and <b>North-West</b>	7 Oct 1949	24 Oct 1950

	Hon Garnet Barrington Wood, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and <b>the North-West</b>  (Honorary Minister for North-West 6 April 1950 - 24 Oct 1950)	24 Oct 1950	3 Jan 1952
	Hon Sir Duncan Ross McLarty, MLA, KBE, MM	Premier, Treasurer and Minister for <b>North-West</b>	17 Jan 1952	23 Feb 1953
<b>Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959</b>	Hon Harry Charles Strickland, MLA	<b>Minister for North-West</b> and Supply and shipping	23 Feb 1953	20 Apr 1956
		Minister for Railways, <b>North-West</b> and Supply and Shipping	20 Apr 1956	13 Nov 1958
		Leader of Govt in LC, Minister for Railways, <b>the North-West</b> and Supply and shipping	13 Nov 1958	2 April 1959
<b>Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971</b>	Hon Charles Walter Michael Court, MLA, OBE	Minister for Industrial Development, Railways and <b>the North-West</b>	2 April 1959	16 Mar 1965
		Minister for Industrial Development, Transport, Railways and the <b>North-West</b>	16 Mar 1965	17 Aug 1965
		Minister for Industrial Development, Railways and the <b>North-West</b>	17 Aug 1965	16 Feb 1967
		Minister for Industrial Development, and the <b>North-West</b>	16 Feb 1967	3 Mar 1971
<b>Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974</b>	Hon Donald George May, MLA	Minister for Mines and the <b>North-West</b>	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
	Hon Herbert Ernst Graham, MLA	Deputy Premier and Minister for Industrial Development and Decentralisation, Town Planning and the <b>North-West</b>	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972
		Deputy Premier and Minister for Development and Decentralisation, and the <b>North-West</b>	6 July 1972	30 May 1973
<b>Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982</b>	Hon Keith Alan Ridge, M LA	Minister for Lands, Forests and the <b>North-West</b>	8 Apr 1974	5 June 1975
	Hon Desmond Henry O'Neil, MLA (Kt, 1980)	Deputy Premier, Minister for Works, Water Supplies, and <b>the North-West</b>	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977

		Deputy Premier, Chief Secretary, Minister for Police and Traffic, and Minister for Regional Administration and <b>the North West</b>	10 Mar 1977	5 Mar 1980
	Hon Raymond James O'Connor, MLA	Minister for Labour and Industry Consumer Affairs, Immigration, Regional Administration and <b>the North-West</b> and Tourism	5 Mar 1980	12 Feb 1981
	Hon Peter Vernon Jones, MLA	Minister for Resources Development, Mines, Fuel and Energy, Housing, Regional Administration and <b>the North-West</b> , Tourism, and Industrial Development and Commerce	12 Feb 1981	25 Jan 1982
<b>O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983</b>	Hon Barry John MacKinnon, MLA	Minister for Industrial Development and <b>the North-West</b> and Tourism	25 Jan 1982	16 Aug 1982
		Minister for Industrial Development and Commerce, Regional Development and <b>the North-West</b> and Tourism	16 Aug 1982	25 Feb 1983
<b>Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988</b>	Hon Julian Fletcher Grill, MLA	Minister for Transport, Regional Development, and <b>the North-West</b> with special responsibility for Bunbury 2000	25 Feb 1983	26 Feb 1986
		Minister for Agriculture, the South-West, Fisheries, Transport and the <b>North-West</b>	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
		Minister for Agriculture, the South-West, Fisheries and the <b>North-West</b>	12 May 1986	25 July 1986
	Hon Ernest Francis Bridge, MLA	Minister for Water Resources, <b>the North-West</b> and Aboriginal Affairs	25 July 1986	25 Feb 1988
<b>Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990</b>	Hon Ernest Francis Bridge, MLA	Minister for Water Resources, <b>the North West</b> , Aboriginal Affairs and Small Business	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
		Minister for Agriculture, Water Resources, and <b>the North West</b>	28 Feb 1989	19 Feb 1990
<b>Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993</b>	Hon Ernest Francis Bridge, MLA	Minister for Agriculture, Water Resources, and <b>the North West</b>	19 Feb 1990	16 Feb 1993
<b>Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001</b>		<b>No North West Ministry</b>	16 Feb 1993	1 July 2001

<b>Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006</b>	Hon Thomas Gregory Stephens, MLC	Minister for Housing, Works; Local Government and Regional Development; Heritage; the <b>Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne and Goldfields-Esperance</b>	1 July 2001	27 June 2003
		Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Heritage; the <b>Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne; Goldfields-Esperance</b>	27 June 2003	16 Sept 2004
	Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich, MLC	Minister for Local Government and Regional Development; Heritage; the <b>Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne; Goldfields-Esperance</b>	21 Sept 2004	10 Mar 2005
	Hon Jonathan (Jon) Robert Ford, MLC	Minister for Fisheries; the <b>Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne</b>	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
<b>Carpenter (ALP) 2006 2008</b>	Hon Jonathan (Jon) Robert Ford, MLC	Minister for Fisheries; the <b>Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne</b>	25 Jan 2006	23 Sept 2008
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2008</b>	Hon Brendon John Grylls, MLA (Nationals)	<b>Minister for Regional Development;</b> Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		<b>Minister for Regional Development;</b> Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
		<b>Minister for Regional Development;</b> Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development	14 Dec 2010	21 Mar 2013
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2013</b>	Hon Brendon John Grylls, MLA (Nationals)	<b>Minister for Regional Development;</b> Lands; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development	21 Mar 2013	11 Dec 2013
	Hon Donald Terrance (Terry) Redman, MLA (Nationals)	<b>Minister for Regional Development;</b> Lands and Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development	11 Dec 2013	17 Mar 2017
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2017</b>	Hon Alannah MacTiernan, MLC	<b>Minister for Regional Development;</b> Agriculture and Food; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade; and Ports (from 13 December 2018)	17 Mar 2017	19 Mar 2021

### Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
Govt	Government
LA	Legislative Assembly
LC	Legislative Council
Lib	Liberal
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
Nat	Nationalist
Opp	Opposition

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