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Proposal Title: **COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC STUDY ALONG THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AT BELMONT**

Cluster: Transport for NSW

### General Government Sector Impacts

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	4 Year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)					-
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue					-
<b>Net Operating Result:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Capital Expenditure					-
Capital Offsets					-
<b>Capital Expenditure:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Net Financial Liabilities:</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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### Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Financial Liabilities:</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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### Notes and costing assumptions

The policy proposes to allocate a capped amount of \$250,000 to conduct a comprehensive study along the Pacific Highway from Wommara Avenue, Belmont North to Beach Street, Belmont South. The study would investigate solutions for congestion along this 3.5km section of road which contains 9 sets of traffic lights. The policy proposes the study be completed within 2015-16.

It is assumed the study would be conducted in a similar fashion to other traffic studies undertaken by Roads and Maritime Services, such as the Inner Newcastle Traffic Study. The Inner Newcastle Traffic Study investigated significant traffic issues at 23 sites along five State road corridors with an average length of 7.1 kilometres. Extensive community consultation was also undertaken with over 1000 submissions received. It is estimated the cost of this study was in the range of \$320,000 to \$480,000.

Given the smaller scope of the proposed study along the Pacific Highway, \$250,000 is sufficient to meet the cost, and the actual cost may be significantly less depending on scope.

The policy proposes offsetting the expenditure within the existing agency budget which is reasonable as Roads and Maritime Services typically undertake a number of traffic studies each year. It may involve a reprioritising of other studies planned for 2015-16.