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Proposal Title: **INTRODUCE A GREATER SYDNEY COMMISSION**

Cluster:

## 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 a Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) with expanded powers and additional responsibilities compared to the existing Commission.

The policy has a zero cost over the forward estimates because the proposed expanded GSC will carry out the same or similar functions currently undertaken by NSW government agencies and an assumption that the expanded GSC role will reflect a reallocation of resources from other government agencies. This is consistent with NSW budgeting practice, where costs associated with transfer of functions between agencies are assumed to have no impact on the forward estimates, and any transitional costs are expected to be absorbed by the agencies concerned.

### Background

The policy proposes to use existing resources committed by the government to establish the GSC, together with a reallocation of resources from other government departments where needed, to fund the expanded GSC.

The government committed \$6.4 million to the GSC in 2014-15, including \$2.36 million to establish it, and \$4.18 million for a Plan for Growing Sydney. Of the \$2.36 million allocated to the GSC, \$1.36 million funded the costs of the Ministerial Advisory Council and Secretariat. Funding allocations for 2015-16 and beyond for the GSC are yet to be determined.