



# Parliamentary Budget Office - Election Policy Costing

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Proposal Title: **PROTECTING NATIONAL PARKS**

Cluster: Planning and Environment

## General Government Sector Impacts

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	4 Year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)		(415)	(415)	(415)	(1,245)
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue					-
<b>Net Operating Result:</b>	-	<b>415</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>1,245</b>

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

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing)</b>	-	<b>415</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>1,245</b>
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<b>Net Financial Liabilities:</b>	-	<b>(415)</b>	<b>(830)</b>	<b>(1,245)</b>	
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## Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Financial Liabilities:</b>	-	<b>(415)</b>	<b>(830)</b>	<b>(1,245)</b>	
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## Notes and costing assumptions

The policy proposes to cease commercial logging, amateur hunting and commercial grazing of hoofed animals in NSW National Parks immediately following the election.

There will be a \$1.2 million improvement in the Net Operating Result due to the ending of trial programs associated with a study currently being undertaken on the impacts and benefits of grazing in National Parks and reserves.

Amateur hunting and commercial logging is not permitted in NSW National Parks, therefore there will be no cost savings from these components of the policy. A volunteer pest control program trial, which is funded at \$2.3 million per year until 2016-17, is assumed to continue.

Some reserves allow grazing under existing use rights from permits issued under previous land tenure. Cessation of these rights may give rise to compensation claims, however, the Office of Environment and Heritage has advised that existing data is not sufficient to provide an estimate on the cost.