



PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE

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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Introduce a Greater Sydney Commission
Date of request:	24 February 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Establish a Greater Sydney Commission that is independent and accountable (see Attachment 1).
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Establish an independent and accountable commission to plan and oversee the sustainable growth of Sydney.
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	

Your estimated costing of the policy ¹						
	2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	2016/17 \$'000	2017/18 \$'000	4 Yr Total \$'000	Other years ² \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ³	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities ⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

² Please provide information on other years if spending occurs outside the forward estimate years and will be required to cost the policy.

³ Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

⁴ Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

⁵ Only required if proposal is outside GGS. Negative for a reduction in net financial liabilities.

Key assumptions made in the policy	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	No.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	Labor's Greater Sydney Commission will be implemented out of existing resources committed by the Government to establish a Greater Sydney Commission. The Greater Sydney Commission will have a Board, secretariat and ancillary staff.
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	No.
Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.	The Greater Sydney Commission proposed by Labor will have greater legal and administrative power than the Government's existing model. If necessary, resources may be met by reallocating planning staff in other agencies, in particular the Department of Planning.

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	Consistent with existing policy.
Intended duration of policy:	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Whole-of-Government.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account?	Legislation would be enacted.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁶ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/a

⁶ Expenditure is operating expenses, e.g. salaries, interest cost and grants. Expenditures are fully included in the impact on operating balance.

Attachment 1 Greater Sydney Commission

The Greater Sydney Commission will:

- Sit at the heart of government constituted by an Act of Parliament
- Enjoy clear legislative authority to both formulate *and* implement the Plan for Sydney
- Be an independent and accountable body that reports daily to the Premier, and annually to both Houses of Parliament
- Lead the development of the Metropolitan Plan for Sydney, with government agencies then required to align their plans to the Commission – not the other way around
- Oversee departmental spending plans for review and prioritisation
- Rationalise and coordinate the plethora of agencies with responsibility for Sydney
- Be governed by a high level board, chaired independently, with a majority of its members drawn from outside government.

In addition, the Greater Sydney Commission should:

- Drive the development of the Badgerys Creek Airport by prioritising land use planning for commercial and industrial activities linked to the airport
- Establish a Congress of Mayors, bringing together all Mayors from across Sydney's local government areas
- Accommodate the Lord Mayors of Sydney and Parramatta on its Board
- Commit to a Town Centres Strategy, focused on reviving the central business districts of Penrith, Liverpool, Campbelltown and Gosford
- Review measures and proposals to attract private investment to property, infrastructure and employment initiatives
- Develop a 20 year demand map for school places, that factors in residential growth projections, to inform future schools planning across the public, Catholic and independent sectors
- Create a uniform Schools Planning Code
- Identify suitable sites for new schools and accompanying infrastructure such as playing fields
- Address the provision of out of school hours childcare in the planning and design of all new schools and all planned extensions to existing schools
- Identify the land use requirements of the significant health and education precincts throughout Sydney – in suburbs such as Camperdown, Randwick, Westmead, Rydalmere, St Leonards, Macquarie Park, Frenchs Forest, Campbelltown and Penrith.