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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Marine conservation policy
Date of request:	2 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Marine conservation policy.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Protect the state's oceans, waterways and marine life.
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?	Yes – announcement by Luke Foley on 1 November 2014.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>The Marine Conservation Policy to be costed includes the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lift the Liberal/National Government’s moratorium on the creation of any new marine parks; 2. Return marine sanctuary zones to full protection, so these areas within marine parks provide a level of protection similar to national parks on land; 3. Prioritise protection of breeding areas such as islands, headlands and beaches where seabirds nest and raise their young – to protect breeding areas from threats including 4WD vehicles and dogs; 4. Ask the NSW Scientific Committee to consider the addition of the hawksbill sea turtle to the State’s Threatened Species List, to give this rare and beautiful creature the protection it deserves; and 5. Immediately reinstate protections on the state’s Mid North Coast for the Grey Nurse Shark – protections that the Liberal/National Government scrapped within weeks of coming to power. <p>Elements 1, 3 and 4 are commitments to prioritising and investigating regulatory change. Any future regulatory change would be subject to subsequent consideration and decision by government. Accordingly, commitments to elements 1, 3 and 4 do not involve a cost at this time.</p> <p>The Marine Conservation Policy is outlined in the media release at Attachment 1. The announced 6-point plan also includes the establishment of a Sydney Marine Park, which is not included in this costing request as it is being costed separately.</p>
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.	..

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	Upon formation of government.
Intended duration of policy:	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Relevant NSW Government agencies.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account?	Regulatory change would need to be enacted.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	..

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁶ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Uncapped.
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.

MEDIA RELEASE

Luke Foley MLC

Shadow Minister for the Environment



Saturday, 1 November 2014

LABOR RELEASES COMPREHENSIVE MARINE CONSERVATION POLICY

SIX POINT PLAN TO PROTECT OUR OCEANS, WATERWAYS AND MARINE LIFE

Shadow Environment Minister Luke Foley today announced that a Labor Government will implement a comprehensive plan to protect the State's waterways and marine life – and reverse the backwards steps the NSW Liberal/National Government has taken in just three and a half years.

Announcing the six point plan at the Nature Conservation Council's annual conference today, Mr Foley reiterated Labor's dedication to keeping our State's environment pristine.

"Labor is committed to protecting our marine environment – so that its precious beauty and diversity can be enjoyed by future generations, and our unique marine life can flourish," Mr Foley said.

"Marine protected areas provide a critical buffer for our ocean life. These stronger protections will also boost regional economies by facilitating ecotourism and activities like diving and fishing, and scientific research."

If elected next March, a Labor Government will:

1. Establish a dedicated Sydney Marine Park to protect the jewel in Sydney's crown, the world renowned Sydney Harbour;
2. Lift the Liberal/National Government's moratorium on the creation of any new marine parks;
3. Return marine sanctuary zones to full protection, so these areas within marine parks provide a level of protection similar to national parks on land;
4. Prioritise protection of breeding areas such as islands, headlands and beaches where seabirds nest and raise their young – to protect breeding areas from threats including 4WD vehicles and dogs;
5. Ask the NSW Scientific Committee to consider the addition of the hawksbill sea turtle to the State's Threatened Species List, to give this rare and beautiful creature the protection it deserves; and
6. Immediately reinstate protections on the state's Mid North Coast for the Grey Nurse Shark – protections that the Liberal/National Government scrapped within weeks of coming to power.

"When last in office, Labor put in place strong measures to conserve the marine environment. These included banning commercial fishing in Sydney Harbour and enacting strong laws to protect whales, dolphins and other marine mammals," Mr Foley said.

"Today I am proud to announce that the next Labor Government will continue this legacy – in contrast to the Liberals' failures to protect our marine environment."

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