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### Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Rail Trails Strategy
Date of request:	11 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Allocate \$9 million to develop a rail trails strategy.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Facilitate access to natural sites, support tourism, and contribute to economic and social opportunity for rural and regional communities.
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	

Your estimated costing of the policy <sup>1</sup>						
	2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	2016/17 \$'000	2017/18 \$'000	4 Yr Total \$'000	Other years <sup>2</sup> \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result <sup>3</sup>	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	9,000	-
Impact on GGS capital expenditure <sup>4</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities <sup>5</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

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

<sup>3</sup> Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

<sup>4</sup> Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

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

<b>Key assumptions made in the policy</b>	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	Yes – announcement by Luke Foley on 11 March 2015.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>A Labor Government will develop a state-wide Rail Trails Strategy.</p> <p>This policy will provide direction and structure to the development of this new tourism and recreation opportunity for regional NSW at a capped cost of \$3 million per year.</p> <p>Funding will be allocated to the assessment of viability of rail trails and to begin construction on projects identified where feasible.</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.	..

<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2015.
Intended duration of policy:	Over the forward estimates.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	NSW Trade and Investment.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account?	No.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	..

<b>If the policy is mainly an expenditure<sup>6</sup> commitment</b>	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/a.

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