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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Healthy Rivers Commission – establishment
Date of request:	14 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Provide \$5 million over two years to establish a Healthy Rivers Commission.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Establish a commission to assess the health of NSW rivers and propose a plan of solutions to government within two years.
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	-	2,500	2,500	-	5,000	-
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>	<p>Funding of \$2.5 million will be allocated to the Commission in each of 2015-16 and 2016-17.</p> <p>The commission will use facilities and corporate services of the Office of Environment and Heritage through a shared service agreement. The leadership of the commission will be independent of the Office of Environment and Heritage.</p> <p>The funding will primarily support staffing costs, and grants to independent experts for specific investigations. Commission activities and staffing numbers will be scalable to the allocated funding.</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.	Any additional costs will be reallocated from resources of the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2015.
Intended duration of policy:	To 30 June 2017.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Office of Environment and Heritage.
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?	..

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.