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Proposal Title: **NATIONAL PARKS - INCREASE ACCESS**

Cluster: Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services

General Government Sector Impacts

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	4 Year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)					-
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue		88			88
Net Operating Result:	-	88	-	-	88

Capital Expenditure					-
Capital Offsets					-
Capital Expenditure:	-	-	-	-	-

Net Lending/(Borrowing)	-	88	-	-	88
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Net Financial Liabilities:	-	(88)	(88)	(88)
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Financial Liabilities:	-	(88)	(88)	(88)
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Notes and costing assumptions

The policy is aimed at increasing access to National Parks. It proposes holding a one year trial that makes one year Multi-Park and All-Park annual pass purchases available at a \$15 discount in the NSW motor vehicle registration process from 1 July 2015. Passes will be available for sale at Service NSW centres.

The Office of Environment (OEH) advised 15,700 All-Park passes (\$190 per pass) and 27,500 Multi-Park passes (\$65 per pass) are expected to be sold in the one year period. The costing assumes that 15 per cent of current All-Park pass customers and 20 per cent of current Multi-Park pass customers would take advantage of the \$15 discount, which marginally reduces revenue, but that both All-Park and Multi-Park pass sales will increase by 5 per cent as a result of the discounted price. The expected increase in sales volume more than outweighs the loss as a result of the discount. These outcomes would result in a net increase in General Government Sector revenue of \$88,300 in 2015-16.

Service NSW would levy a \$4 per pass processing fee for all sales, resulting in a cost to OEH associated with any increased sales through Service NSW. However, because Service NSW and OEH are both within the General Government Sector, there is no net expense to the Sector and no revenue arising from this processing fee. The number of passes involved would be around 10,000, and the PBO assumes that the associated fee of some \$40,000 could be absorbed in the OEH budget. If OEH were supplemented for the processing fee the impact on the net operating result in this costing would need to be reduced accordingly.