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Proposal Title: **OVERHAULING THE COMPANION ANIMAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR CATS AND DOGS**

Cluster: Planning and Environment

## 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		(984)	(1,048)	(1,113)	(3,144)
<b>Net Operating Result:</b>	-	<b>(984)</b>	<b>(1,048)</b>	<b>(1,113)</b>	<b>(3,144)</b>

Capital Expenditure					-
Capital Offsets					-
<b>Capital Expenditure:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing)</b>	-	<b>(984)</b>	<b>(1,048)</b>	<b>(1,113)</b>	<b>(3,144)</b>
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<b>Net Financial Liabilities:</b>	-	<b>984</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>3,144</b>	
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## Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Financial Liabilities:</b>	-	<b>984</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>3,144</b>	
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## Notes and costing assumptions

The policy proposes to introduce a 50 per cent discount registration fee for cats and dogs obtained from eligible pounds or shelters from 1 July 2015.

Based on historical registration numbers, the costing assumes 37,167 animals from eligible pounds and shelters will be registered in 2015-16. This number is escalated by 2.5 per cent per annum. As advised by the Office of Environment (OEH), current registration fees for de-sexed animals are \$53 in 2015-16, \$55 in 2016-17 and \$57 in 2017-18. A 50 per cent reduction in fees will result in a loss of NSW Government revenue of \$3.144 million over the forward estimates. The revenue is provided to council for animal management activities and to the Companion Animals Fund. The costing assumes the revenue reduction will not be offset by a reduction in funding to councils.

The policy specifies the registration system for cats and dogs will be streamlined. The costing assumes costs associated with this task will be absorbed within the Department of Planning and Local Government's existing resource allocation.