

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Animal welfare plan
Date of request:	19 January 2019

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):	See <u>Attachment 1</u> .
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	

	2018/19 \$'000	2019/20 \$'000	2020/21 \$'000	2021/22 \$'000	Total \$'000
Impact on GGS expenses					
Impact on GGS revenue					
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ¹					
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ²					
Impact on GGS net lending/borrowing					

Note: Has the policy been costed by a third party?
If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?

Key assumptions made in the policy	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	

¹ Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

² Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	Funding amounts specified at <u>Attachment 1</u> are fixed, nominal amounts. Aspects of this proposal overlap with 2015 election costings including A319 “Crackdown on puppy farms”, A348 “Crackdown on wildlife crime”.
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	No.
Are there associated savings, offsets or, in the case of a revenue proposal, offsetting expenses? If yes, please provide details.	..
Are there significant costs or savings outside the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy? ³	..

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2019
Intended duration of policy ⁴ :	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Office of Environment and Heritage, various.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	No.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	..

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁵ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/a.

³ Particularly important for large projects with long lead times, policies with a delayed timetable for implementation, or policies where up-front investment is required to achieve long term savings.

⁴ Where a policy is intended to be ongoing, please indicate “ongoing” in the space to the right

⁵ Expenditure is operating expenses, e.g. salaries, interest cost and grants. Expenditures are fully included in the impact on operating balance.

Attachment 1

Undertake the following reforms:

- Provide \$2 million to animal welfare agencies from 2019-20 over the forward estimates to support specialist on the ground puppy farm inspectors and on-line monitoring of sales. This would be provided as fixed grants of \$666,000 in each of 2019-20 and 2020-21, and \$667,000 in 2021-22.
- Allocate \$500,000 in 2019-20 in departmental funding to develop a licensing system for breeders and sellers of companion animals, in consultation with industry and other stakeholders. Labor commits to implement the system once developed, but implementation would require a subsequent decision of government informed by the policy development process that is funded under the present policy being costed.
- Allocate \$500,000 in 2019-20 and \$200,000 in each of 2020-21 and 2021-22 to enhance tracking through a more stringent breeder ID system at point of sale.
- Crackdown on puppy farms by:
 - Working with industry stakeholders and veterinarians to establishing restrictions on the numbers of breeding dogs according to size (absorb within existing resources);
 - Limiting the amount of litters in a breeding dog's lifetime to one litter a year and no more than five litters in a lifetime (nil budget impact);
 - Enhanced powers to local councils and animal welfare agencies to shutdown illegal puppy farms and remove animals (nil budget impact).
- Work with the NSW pet industry to explore innovative ways to use the pet shop network to rehome unwanted companion animals (absorb within existing resources).
- Undertake a Parliamentary review of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*, with a focus on more proactive measures to seek to prevent animal cruelty, including assist authorised officers to seize animals from a domestic animal breeding establishment (absorb within existing resources).
- Update and strengthen the Code of Practice around boarding kennels and catteries (nil impact).
- Phase in mandatory TAFE Certificate 2 training for those employed in pet industry by the end of the first term of government (nil impact except for gradual second round effects).
- Mandate CCTV in all abattoirs (nil impact).
- Combat native wildlife crime by:
 - establishing Native Wildlife Protection Squad (from existing resources of Office of Environment and Heritage, Fisheries, and Police)
 - make native wildlife crime a reportable crime (nil impact)
 - increase penalties for native wildlife crime (assume nil impact)
 - establish state-wide database (allocate \$1 million in capped funding to support the delivery of a state-wide database on reportable wildlife crime).