

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Green spaces, great places: a cooler, cleaner, greener Sydney
Date of request:	21 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):	Allocate \$12.5 million over the forward estimates to support planting trees, with funding sourced from the Climate Change Fund. The policy includes various other measures, outlined in <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?

¹ Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

² Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

Key assumptions made in the policy									
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?									
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>Allocate the following fixed amounts (millions of dollars) to support planting trees by supplementing the existing Five Million Trees initiative (indexation already included):</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>2019-20</th> <th>2020-21</th> <th>2021-22</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4.1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4.2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4.3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12.5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In addition, Labor will develop a publicly available inventory of environment assets to define and guide protection and enhancement of Sydney's Green Grid and open spaces. This would utilise existing departmental resources and is scalable to resource availability.</p>	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total	4.1	4.2	4.3	12.5
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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.	Please outline existing allocations for the Five Million Trees initiative. Please disaggregate committed and uncommitted amounts.								
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 :	To 30 June 2022.
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 (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	No.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	..

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

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

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

Attachment 1

1. Labor will commit to an environmental vision for Sydney *(existing resources)*

Drawn from the Greater Sydney Commission's Independent Environmental Panel, the vision sets out the following principles:

- A city that values its unique environmental landscape and biodiversity; and which all citizens can enjoy and protect
- A healthy city with clean air and water and sufficient green open space and tree cover providing widespread opportunities for relaxation and exercise
- A resource-efficient city where the environmental impacts of water and energy supply and disposal of solid, liquid and gaseous waste are minimised
- A resilient city, able to cope with extreme events
- A city that knows and values its history

2. Labor will develop a publicly available inventory of environment assets to define and guide protection and enhancement of Sydney's Green Grid and open spaces *(existing resources)*

The inventory will document bushland, parks, golf courses, street trees, streetscapes, walking and cycling transport corridors, urban agriculture, green roofs and green walls.

The inventory will be available as publicly accessible data and maps, and it will be formally linked to land use planning. The inventory will be considered in all planning instruments and decision making.

3. Labor will provide stronger protections of our environmental assets through planning laws, policy and practice *(nil impact)*

Labor will review and refine policies and legislation to ensure that the elements that make up the green grid and other environmental assets have the protection that is needed to maximise the multiple benefits provided by our green spaces, our trees, our waterways and our local heritage areas.

4. Invest in our trees by expanding on the Government's commitment *(\$12.5 million new money)*

Labor will invest new funding and redirect existing funding to invest in programs that assist local government, state government agencies, community organisations and private land holders to restore, protect, maintain and enhance key elements within the green grid.

This investment would include:

- tree planting programs

- tree preservation
- planning options to protect tree canopy
- funding for land acquisition for environmental, social and recreational uses