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Proposal Title: Heritage Policy

Cluster: Planning and Environment

General Government Sector Impacts

| | 2018-19 \$'000 | 2019-20 \$'000 | 2020-21 \$'000 | 2021-22 \$'000 | 4 year Total \$'000 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Expenses (ex. depreciation) | - | 1,000 | 1,500 | - | 2,500 |
| Depreciation | - | - | - | - | - |
| Less: Offsets | - | - | - | - | - |
| Revenue | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net Operating Balance: | - | (1,000) | (1,500) | - | (2,500) |

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| Capital Expenditure | - | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Offsets | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net Capital Expenditure: | - | - | - | - | - |

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| Net Lending/(Borrowing): | - | (1,000) | (1,500) | - | (2,500) |
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Total State Sector Impacts

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| Net Lending/(Borrowing): | - | (1,000) | (1,500) | - | (2,500) |
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Notes and costing assumptions

This policy proposes to allocate \$1 million in 2019-20 and \$1.5 million in 2020-21 to develop a ten-year Heritage Strategy and to host a Heritage Summit in Sydney in 2020 to review the *Heritage Act 1977*. The policy also includes the following legislative and administrative changes:

- restrictions on the use of the economic hardship provision in section 32 of the *Heritage Act 1997*
- introduction of a Planning Assessment Commission hearing for Ministerial determinations for the State Heritage Register
- change the reporting arrangements for the Heritage Council so it reports directly to the Minister for Heritage, and move heritage functions to the Department of Premier and Cabinet
- completion of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage legislation.

The policy states that expenses related to these legislative and administrative changes are to be absorbed within existing cluster resources. The PBO notes this would be feasible within current budget estimates.