

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Plan to Reinstate Protections to Maintain and Improve Biodiversity
Date of request:	4 February 2019

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):	Establish a biodiversity taskforce to review the Local Land Services Act and the Biodiversity Conservation Act and prepare legislative and policy amendments (see Attachment 1). Labor would introduce legislation in response to the review.
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>	Any funding to support the review and taskforce beyond normal departmental resourcing should be sourced from the Biodiversity Conservation Trust. The review and taskforce will focus on items outlined in <u>Attachment 1</u> . The policy response to the review would require subsequent decision by government.
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 :	To 30 June 2021.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Department of Planning and Environment.
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

The advisory review of the Acts will be asked to prepare legislative and policy amendments that:

- reinstate the 'maintain or improve' tests
- include greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impact
- limit the discretion of the minister
- include no go zones where offsetting cannot occur
- ensure offsetting follows the 'like for like' principle
- prohibit mine rehabilitation sites for use as offsets
- close loop holes that allow reduction in offsets
- ensure consistency between Biodiversity Act and LLS Act
- reinstate licensing arrangements for harming native wildlife
- ensure that double-dipping on offsets cannot occur
- ensure that voluntary stewardship agreements are recognised as such and not as offsets
- reinsert the deleted provision of the Threatened Species Act that allows listing of local populations
- examine the mapping and codes