

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Establish a waste levy fund
Date of request:	22 February 2019 (updated)

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):	Legislate that revenues from the waste and environment levy currently not allocated to environment agencies be directed into a waste levy fund, with fund returns spent on environmental initiatives.
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	
<p>Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?</p>	
<p>What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i></p>	<p>The waste levy fund would be modelled on the most risk tolerant fund management approach currently existing in the NSW Government.</p> <p>Revenues from the waste levy, not currently allocated to environment agencies, would be placed into a waste levy fund. The government would issue an equivalent amount of bonds to fund its current expenditure that is funded by the levy. Net returns from the waste levy fund after costs are disbursed and spent on environmental initiatives. Unrealised capital gains are retained in the fund.</p> <p>The budgetary cost of the policy would be interest expenses (or reduced interest revenue) due to a less positive position in the consolidated revenue account.</p> <p>Fund disbursements would support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investment in recycling facilities and encouraging growth of the industry in cities and in regional NSW • investment in facilities that can process and remanufacture recyclable waste • increasing community-based waste reduction and recycling activities to move towards a circular economy • providing seed funding for innovative solutions for dealing with waste and the creation of new products with a low or zero waste footprint • grants to target areas of identified need or opportunity for resource recovery and reuse initiatives. <p>Please advise of expected impacts under interest payments, interest receipts, dividends, capital gains, management fees and disbursements.</p>

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	Please project the financial impacts of the fund and its disbursements over ten years to 2028-29.

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.)?	Revenue NSW, NSW Treasury, 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)?	Legislation would be introduced to mandate that fund disbursements support recycling and related environmental initiatives.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁵ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Uncapped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	See <u>Assumptions</u> .

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.