

## Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	End the mismanagement, incompetence and waste – inquiry into WestConnex and Sydney Light Rail
Date of request:	13 March 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 \$3 million for a Commission of Inquiry into WestConnex and Sydney Light Rail funding. Other policy components are outlined at <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 <sup>1</sup>					
Impact on GGS capital expenditure <sup>2</sup>					
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?

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<sup>1</sup> Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

<sup>2</sup> Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

<b>Key assumptions made in the policy</b>	
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>	Allocate a fixed and nominal amount of \$3 million in 2019-20 for a commission of inquiry. Additional budget allocations may be made if necessary in subsequent government decisions.  Other components in <u>Attachment 1</u> are assumed variously to be regulatory, have no budget impact or able to be absorbed within existing resourcing.
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 <b>outside</b> the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy? <sup>3</sup>	..

<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2019
Intended duration of policy <sup>4</sup> :	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Department of Justice.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	Changes to legislation may be required.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.

<b>If the policy is mainly an expenditure<sup>5</sup> commitment</b>	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/a.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Where a policy is intended to be ongoing, please indicate "ongoing" in the space to the right

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

## **Attachment 1**

The policy includes the following components:

- A judicial inquiry into WestConnex and the Sydney Light Rail to establish exactly how these projects have gone so wrong and provide full public accountability.
- A pledge to never use secretive vehicles like the Sydney Motorway Corporation (the front company for the State Government that is delivering WestConnex) which was established specifically to dodge freedom of information laws.
- No construction contracts will ever be signed before planning approvals have been received, as has been the case with the Sydney Light Rail and WestConnex.
- New legislation will require Infrastructure NSW to provide annual 'health checks' on the progress of major projects and publish their findings.