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Proposal Title: Office of Rural Affairs and the Rural Communities Consultative Council

Cluster: Industry

General Government Sector Impacts

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

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

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	-	-	-	-
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	-	-	-	-
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Notes and costing assumptions

The policy proposes to re-establish the Office of Rural Affairs (ORA) and the Rural Communities Consultative Council from July 2019, with the costs to be met from the existing resources in the Department of Primary Industries (DPI). The PBO considers this is feasible; hence there is a nil budget impact.

DPI has budgeted recurrent expenditure of \$1.9 billion for 2018-19 indicating there is scope to provide these functions within its budget. DPI currently has staff undertaking similar functions and the proposed Office and Council could be scaled to the available resources.

The PBO also notes, according to the Department of Lands 2006-07 Annual Report (pg 68), previous ORA resourcing was one manager with two support staff.

