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Proposal Title: Open Spaces

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)	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	500	1,000	1,500
Less: Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Balance:	-	-	(500)	(1,000)	(1,500)

Capital Expenditure	-	12,500	12,500	12,500	37,500
Capital Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Net Capital Expenditure:	-	12,500	12,500	12,500	37,500

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(12,500)	(12,500)	(12,500)	(37,500)
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(12,500)	(12,500)	(12,500)	(37,500)
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Notes and costing assumptions

This policy proposes spending \$150 million for new and improved public parklands and to create a network of connected regional parks and gardens across Sydney. An amount of \$100 million has already been funded under the current Strategic Open Spaces policy administered by the Department of Planning and Environment. The policy states that any administrative costs to implement the capital works program are to be absorbed by the Department of Planning and Environment.

The PBO estimates that the additional cost of this policy is \$37.5 million over the forward estimates, and \$50 million once the policy concludes in 2022-23. Additionally, the PBO has also estimated depreciation expenses of \$1.5 million over the forward estimates and \$3.0 million by 2022-23. The table above reflects the cost of new parks or upgrades to existing parks in locations including: Hurstville, Ermington, Penrith, Beaumont Hills, Leppington, Appin, Frenchs Forest and Carramar.

The PBO has assumed the assets are depreciated on a straight line basis at a rate of 4% over a useful life of 25 years. This is based on various local council's depreciation policies for open space assets.