



## PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE

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**Referred by:** Australian Labor Party  
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**Proposal Title:** World Heritage UNESCO listing for the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct  
**Cluster:** Planning and Environment

**Proposal No:** C933

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### General Government Sector Impacts

	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	4-year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue					-
<b>Net Operating Balance:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Offsets					
<b>Net Capital Expenditure:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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### Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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### Notes and costing assumptions:

The policy proposes to have the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The policy states that costs should be met from existing resources. The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) considers this to be feasible given that the annual cost estimated by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) is only less than \$1 million (see table overleaf and the following assumptions). DPE's operating budget is \$2.4 billion in 2022-23.

DPE advised the following:

- UNESCO listings typically require five to ten years to finalise.
- UNESCO listing submissions can only be made by the Australian Government and excludes any associated costs.

#### Notes and costing assumptions continued:

- There would be \$2.3 million of costs incurred over the forward estimates, and \$1.7 million beyond the forward estimates, for a total of \$3.9 million. These consist of:
  - employee-related expenses from Homes, Property and Development Group and Heritage NSW, which are both within DPE. DPE's model shows that about three to six full time equivalent staff would be needed each year.
  - other operating expenses such as costs related to research, report-writing and reviews.

A cost summary breakdown is provided below.

<i>Amounts in \$'000s</i>	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	4-year Total	2026-27 and beyond	Total
Employee expenses		423	760	560	1,744	1,663	3,407
Other expenses		74	190	260	524	-	524
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>498</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>3,931</b>

- Capital works may be required to demonstrate authenticity and integrity to support the proposed listing. Additionally, other works to protect, conserve and manage the site may be required to demonstrate compliance with UNESCO assessment criteria to support the proposed listing. These costs cannot be reliably estimated until a proper assessment of the site is done.