



# Parliamentary Budget Office - Election Policy Costing

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Proposal Title: **RECREATIONAL FISHING POLICY**

Cluster: Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services

## General Government Sector Impacts

	2014-15 \$'000	2015-16 \$'000	2016-17 \$'000	2017-18 \$'000	4 Year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)		2,000	2,000	2,000	6,000
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue					-
<b>Net Operating Result:</b>	-	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(6,000)</b>

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

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(6,000)</b>
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<b>Net Financial Liabilities:</b>	-	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	
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## Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Financial Liabilities:</b>	-	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	
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## Notes and costing assumptions

The policy declares Sydney Harbour to be a 'recreational fishing haven', formalising the current ban on commercial fishing in Sydney Harbour. This policy is regulatory in nature and no costs to Government have been assumed; the PBO considers this a reasonable assumption.

The policy provides capped annual funding of \$2million from 2015-16 to support a native fish strategy for the Murry Darling Basin. The policy specifies the strategy will be scalable to funding available.

The policy specifies existing resources within the Department of Trade, Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services would be allocated to scoping and planning the provision of additional fishing platforms. No costs for this have been included as there is insufficient detail on the number and location of fishing platforms. There are sufficient resources in the department to allow for the costs of scoping and planning to be absorbed.

The policy appoints a Parliamentary Secretary for Recreational Fishing. No costs have been included as the policy specifies the number of Parliamentary Secretaries will remain at the current level of 13.

The policy directs recreational fishing license fees into Recreational Fishing Trusts that support recreational fishing. No cost have been included because this represents maintenance of the status quo.