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Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Water infrastructure for drought-affected farmers
Date of request:	11 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Provide \$20 million for farmers under the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme.
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Provide support to drought affected farmers.
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	

Your estimated costing of the policy ¹						
	2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	2016/17 \$'000	2017/18 \$'000	4 Yr Total \$'000	Other years ² \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ³						
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ⁴						
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities ⁵						

¹ Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

² Please provide information on other years if spending occurs outside the forward estimate years and will be required to cost the policy.

³ Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

⁴ Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

⁵ Only required if proposal is outside GGS. Negative for a reduction in net financial liabilities.

Key assumptions made in the policy	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	This is current government policy, announced by Troy Grant and Katrina Hodgkinson on 12 January 2015.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>This funding will assist farmers who are battling with short-term water issues, and it also helps them invest in long-term infrastructure and be better prepared for the next inevitable drought.</p> <p>Eligible farmers will be able to apply for a rebate of up to 50 per cent of the cost of installing on-farm emergency water infrastructure, up to a cap of \$20,000.</p> <p>The rebate can be used for a range of projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of bores; • New water storage tanks; • Pumps and pipelines; • Stock troughs; and • De-silting of dams, if the property does not have access to good-quality groundwater and relies on surface water. <p>The scheme will close on 30 June 2015, or when the \$20 million in funding is fully allocated.</p>
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	No.
Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses? If yes, please provide details.	Any existing funding allocated to this policy should offset the costs of the commitment.

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	Continuing existing policy.
Intended duration of policy:	To 30 June 2015.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Department of Primary Industries.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account?	No.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	..

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁶ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/a.

⁶ Expenditure is operating expenses, e.g. salaries, interest cost and grants. Expenditures are fully included in the impact on operating balance.