



## PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE

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### Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Sydney Marine Park
Date of request:	13 March 2015

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	Establishment of a Sydney Marine Park (see <a href="#">Attachment 1</a> ).
What is the purpose or intention of the policy?	Deliver a coordinated plan to protect Sydney's marine life.
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	

Your estimated costing of the policy <sup>1</sup>						
	2014/15 \$'000	2015/16 \$'000	2016/17 \$'000	2017/18 \$'000	4 Yr Total \$'000	Other years <sup>2</sup> \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result <sup>3</sup>	-	1,750	1,076	1,386	4,213	*
Impact on GGS capital expenditure <sup>4</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities <sup>5</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

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

<sup>3</sup> Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

<sup>4</sup> Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

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

<b>Key assumptions made in the policy</b>	
<p>Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?</p>	<p>Yes – announcement of Luke Foley and John Robertson of 28 September 2014.</p>
<p>What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i></p>	<p>Labor is committed to establishing a Sydney Marine Park within its first term of Government.</p> <p>Labor is determined to establish the park in a manner that balances the complex needs of the ecological wonder that is Sydney Harbour against the needs of Australia’s biggest and most vibrant international city.</p> <p>Accordingly, Labor Government will allocate a capped amount of \$4.2 million over three years to support a rigorous policy development process informed by scientific experts and the community.</p> <p>The funding (see <u>Attachment 2</u>) includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$903,000 for a substantial scientific investigation of marine health;</li> <li>• \$615,000 to support a panel of scientific experts;</li> <li>• \$308,000 for an advisory committee;</li> <li>• \$416,000 for community consultation; and</li> <li>• \$2.0 million to support policy development and administration within Sydney Marine Parks Authority.</li> </ul> <p>The \$2.0 million of additional agency resourcing is intended to support the employment of five additional officers in 2015-16 and 2016-17, and six additional officers in 2017-18. The officers’ tasks will include coordinating the policy development process and investigating regulatory arrangements to deliver effective and efficient protection for Sydney Marine Park.</p> <p>All components of the policy are scalable to funding available.</p> <p>It is assumed in the present costing request that the marine park declaration will be made on 1 July 2018. The implementation</p>

	processes required under legislation will then proceed, leveraging off the policy and consultation work already undertaken.
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.	..

<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2015.
Intended duration of policy:	Over the forward estimates.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Marine Parks Authority NSW.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account?	Investigation of the existing legal and regulatory frameworks applying to marine parks, including legal change where this will contribute to the effective and efficient protection of the Sydney Marine Park.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.

<b>If the policy is mainly an expenditure<sup>6</sup> commitment</b>	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/a.

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