

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Plan to protect the state's oceans and marine life
Date of request:	4 February 2019

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):	See <u>Attachment 1</u> .
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	

	2018/19 \$'000	2019/20 \$'000	2020/21 \$'000	2021/22 \$'000	Total \$'000
Impact on GGS expenses					
Impact on GGS revenue					
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ¹					
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ²					
Impact on GGS net lending/borrowing					

Note: Has the policy been costed by a third party?
If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?

¹ Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

² Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

Key assumptions made in the policy	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>Assumptions for the Sydney Marine Park are outlined under policy #1 at Attachment 1. The policy is closely related to the PBO's Sydney Marine Park costing at the 2015 NSW Election (A343, published 23 March 2015).</p> <p>Assumptions for policies #2-6 are for all costs to be absorbed within existing agency resources. Policies #2 and #3 were included in the PBO's A286 Marine Conservation Policy costing at the 2015 NSW Election (published 23 March 2015).</p>
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	No.
Are there associated savings, offsets or, in the case of a revenue proposal, offsetting expenses? If yes, please provide details.	..
Are there significant costs or savings outside the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy? ³	..

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2019
Intended duration of policy ⁴ :	Ongoing.
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Various.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	Changes to marine park legislation and regulation may be required.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.

³ Particularly important for large projects with long lead times, policies with a delayed timetable for implementation, or policies where up-front investment is required to achieve long term savings.

⁴ Where a policy is intended to be ongoing, please indicate "ongoing" in the space to the right

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁵ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	N/a.

⁵ Expenditure is operating expenses, e.g. salaries, interest cost and grants. Expenditures are fully included in the impact on operating balance.

Attachment 1

1. Establish a dedicated Sydney Marine Park to protect the jewel in Sydney's crown, the world renowned Sydney Harbour;

Assumptions

- Labor is committed to establishing a Sydney Harbour Marine Park. The policy being costed would fund a policy development process to inform the determination of marine park status in government.
- The policy would provide fixed amounts (inclusive of indexation) to support as follows:

Total	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
support a panel of scientific experts;	\$200,000	\$205,000	\$210,125	\$615,125
advisory committee;	\$120,000	\$123,000	\$126,075	\$369,075
community consultation;	\$140,000	\$143,500	\$147,088	\$430,588
policy development	\$650,000	\$666,250	\$682,906	\$1,999,156
Total	\$1,110,000	\$1,137,750	\$1,166,194	\$3,413,944

- The final determination of the marine park status (including appropriate zonings) would be subject to a further policy decision in government on the basis of the research and policy development process funded by the policy being costed.
 - The Sydney Marine Park component of this costing is approximately consistent with the PBO's Sydney Marine Park costing at the 2015 NSW Election (A343, published 23 March 2015). One change is the removal of \$903,000 for a substantial scientific investigation of marine health due to work since undertaken through the Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion Assessment.
2. Undertake overdue reviews of marine park management rules and management plans where the Government has failed to adhere to 10-year reviews required under legislation, beginning with Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park;
 3. Prioritise protection of breeding areas such as the islands, headlands and beaches where seabirds nest and raise their young;
 4. Ask the NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee to consider the addition of the hawksbill sea turtle to the State's Threatened Species List, to give this rare and beautiful creature the protection it deserves;
 5. Within the first one hundred days, introduce legislation to ban single-use plastic bags; and
 6. Develop a single-use plastic phase out plan for NSW.