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Proposal Title: Improving access to national parks

Cluster: Planning and Environment

General Government Sector Impacts

	2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000	2021-22 \$'000	4 year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	1,380	3,510	6,390	11,280
Less: Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Balance:	-	(1,380)	(3,510)	(6,390)	(11,280)

Capital Expenditure	-	25,200	37,800	46,800	109,800
Capital Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Net Capital Expenditure:	-	25,200	37,800	46,800	109,800

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(25,200)	(37,800)	(46,800)	(109,800)
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	(25,200)	(37,800)	(46,800)	(109,800)
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Notes and costing assumptions

This policy proposes investing \$149.6 million to improve access to NSW national parks between 2018-19 and 2022-23. This involves a capital works program to upgrade and extend walking trails, improve visitor infrastructure and facilities, and introduce online and digital tools for virtual tours. The phasing of costs and estimation of depreciation expenses is based on information provided by NSW Treasury.

The PBO estimates that the policy will cost \$109.8 million over the forward estimates, and \$149.6 million once the policy concludes in 2022-23. There will also be an estimated \$11.3 million in depreciation costs associated with capital works over the forward estimates. The policy states that any administrative costs to implement the capital works program is to be absorbed by the Department of Planning and Environment.

NSW Treasury has advised that capital works for this policy will commence in 2019-20, as it is unlikely that the works can begin in the remaining months of 2018-19.