

## Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Liberals & Nationals Government
Name of Policy:	Volunteer Rescue Support on the Rise
Date of request:	12 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):	<p>Provide \$18.8 million over four years to the NSW Volunteer Rescue Association.</p> <p>This funding will deliver 30 new rescue vehicles to provide lifesaving services at road crashes, land searches and other critical rescues across the State.</p> <p>This includes 12 quick response trucks in regional NSW, including Bega, Wagga Wagga and the Tweed, and 18 medium rescue trucks in regional locations including Brunswick Heads, Leeton and Narrabri.</p> <p>This funding will also deliver improved communications and training equipment, and provide all VRA volunteers with uniforms and personal protective equipment.</p>
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	No

	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 <sup>1</sup>					
Impact on GGS capital expenditure <sup>2</sup>					
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?

<b>Key assumptions made in the policy</b>	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	No
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	<p>This policy assumes that this initiative is funded through a grant to the Volunteer Rescue Association.</p> <p>The costing assumes the purchase of the following number and type of vehicles at the following unit costs:</p> <p>18 x medium rigid trucks at \$320,000 per vehicle</p> <p>12 x quick response trucks at \$178,000 per vehicle</p> <p>This funding will also deliver improved communications and training equipment, and provide all VRA volunteers with uniforms and personal protective equipment.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

<sup>2</sup> Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

	<p>Included in the \$4.7m p.a. will be a portion of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refurbishment/fit out costs</li> <li>- External procurement consultant</li> <li>- Contingency costs</li> </ul> <p>These inclusions will be split across the other policies funding volunteer rescue agencies</p> <p><i>Administration of these grants will be met within the resources of DoJ.</i></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 <b>outside</b> the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy? <sup>3</sup>	

<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Intended date of implementation:	From beginning of FY2019-20
Intended duration of policy <sup>4</sup> :	Four years
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	This is a grant. Administered by Justice – Office of Emergency Management. The funds will go to the Volunteer Rescue Association.
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	

<b>If the policy is mainly an expenditure<sup>5</sup> commitment</b>	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	\$18.8 million over four years capped.
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Where a policy is intended to be ongoing, please indicate “ongoing” in the space to the right

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

<b>If the policy is mainly a revenue commitment</b>	
Transaction based or capped:	
Thresholds and/or exemptions:	
Collection method:	
Additional expenditure associated with collection:	
<b>If the policy is mainly a capital costs<sup>6</sup> commitment</b>	
<b>Nature of Capital Spending</b>	
Type of work, size and capacity:	
Proposed start and completion date of work:	
Intended construction schedule/cashflow:	
Associated asset sell off (if any):	
<b>Recurrent Impacts</b>	
Offsetting expenditure savings:	
On-going maintenance, depreciation and operational expenses:	
Third party funding involvement:	
Delivery model <sup>7</sup>	

**Checklist for key assumptions** (please be comprehensive and include all relevant assumptions).

Assumptions could include, but are not limited to, questions such as:

- What is the expected community impact?
- How many people will be affected by the policy?
- What is the likely take up or other behavioural response you expect?
- Is there a cap on total spending proposed, a funding formula, resource agreement or other mechanism of this nature associated with the policy?
- Will third parties have a role in funding or delivering the policy (e.g. Commonwealth Government)?
- Will funding/program cost require indexation?
  - If yes, do you have any assumptions about the index that should be applied?
- What assumptions have you made about costs of administering the policy?
- Will additional staff be needed in the agency responsible for the policy?

<sup>6</sup> Capital costs differ from expenditure in that only depreciation will be included in the impact on operating balance.

<sup>7</sup> There is a range of possible delivery models, e.g. built, owned and operated by a NSW government agency; built and transferred to a private operator; privately built for public operation; privately built and operated with government assuming risk or providing a guarantee in relation to future income (often applicable to public/private partnership arrangements), and so on. The policy should provide assumptions about the proposed delivery model.

- How many and at what approximate levels?
- Are there other resources required?
- Are you assuming administrative costs will be absorbed within the agency?

**Please note that:**

- The costing will be on the basis of information provided in this costing request.
- The PBO is not bound to accept the assumptions provided by the requester. If there is a material difference in the assumptions used by the PBO, the PBO will consult with the requester in advance of the costing being completed.
- Where the details of the policy costing request differ from the announced policy, the costing will be on the basis of the information provided in the costing request.
- These guidelines are intended to facilitate requests for costing election policies. Persons preparing such requests who wish further assistance are invited to contact the staff of the Parliamentary Budget Office.