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Proposal Title: NSW Border Wild Dog Exclusion Fence

Cluster: Industry

### General Government Sector Impacts

	2018-19 \$'000	2019-20 \$'000	2020-21 \$'000	2021-22 \$'000	4 year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Operating Balance:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Capital Expenditure	-	3,387	13,970	20,114	37,470
Capital Offsets	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Capital Expenditure:</b>	-	<b>3,387</b>	<b>13,970</b>	<b>20,114</b>	<b>37,470</b>

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	<b>(3,387)</b>	<b>(13,970)</b>	<b>(20,114)</b>	<b>(37,470)</b>
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### Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	<b>(3,387)</b>	<b>(13,970)</b>	<b>(20,114)</b>	<b>(37,470)</b>
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### Notes and costing assumptions

This policy is to extend the NSW Border Wild Dog Exclusion Fence by 742km:

- 420km east to Mungindi, along the Queensland and New South Wales border
- 322km south to the Murray River, along the South Australia and New South Wales border.

The PBO estimates the cost of this policy is \$37.5 million over the forward estimates. The estimate is based on information provided by NSW Treasury, sourced from a NSW Local Land Services' feasibility study.

The extension work would be done from 2019-20 to 2021-22. Treasury advises that ongoing maintenance costs of \$1.2 million per year would be incurred from 2022-23 and onwards, on completion of the capital works. In addition, the PBO estimates that the depreciation cost is \$1.2 million per year from 2022-23 and onwards. This is based on depreciation information from the ATO, which specifies a useful life of 30 years for general fence works e.g. posts, rails, wires and mesh etc. The PBO has assumed a straight line depreciation profile for the fence.

The policy specifies the funding source for these costs will be considered once the fence extension is finalised, such as government contributions and funding from the Special Purpose Pest Management Levy.