

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Liberals and Nationals Government
Name of Policy:	Building for Growth - Schools
Date of request:	10 March 2023

Description of policy	
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents and include information on what the policy aims to achieve):	<p>The Liberal and Nationals will invest \$1.2 billion over four years for new and upgraded schools across the state.</p> <p>This builds on the existing four-year capital pipeline of \$8.6 billion for school infrastructure.</p>
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	No

Your estimated costing of the policy ¹						
	2022/23 \$'000	2023/24 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 \$'000	Total \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result ²	-	-	-	-	-	-
Impact on GGS capital expenditure ³	-	58,170	272,550	525,600	208,680	1,065,000
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities ⁴						

Note: Has the policy been costed by a third party? ETC's have been provided by the Department of Education

If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?

¹ Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

² Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

³ Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

⁴ Only required if proposal is outside GGS. Negative for a reduction in net financial liabilities.

Key assumptions made in the policy	
Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?	This policy builds upon the existing schools infrastructure pipeline.
What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? <i>(See checklist)</i>	Costs are over four years from 2023-24. Maintenance will be absorbed within the existing Department of Education maintenance budget. Depreciation does not commence until projects are completed which is beyond the forward estimates. Minor depreciation for works such as covered outdoor learning areas will be absorbed. Funding will support a number of redevelopments, meaning that depreciation and maintenance already exists in the budget for those schools.
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	Not applicable
Are there associated savings, offsets or, in the case of a revenue proposal, offsetting expenses? If yes, please provide details.	Not applicable
Are there significant costs or savings outside the forward estimates period which should be considered in costing this policy? ⁵	Not applicable

Administration of policy	
Intended date of implementation:	1 July 2023
Intended duration of policy:	Four years
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	The Department of Education
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	Not applicable
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	Not applicable

⁵ 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.

If the policy is mainly an expenditure⁶ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	Not applicable

If the policy is mainly a revenue commitment	
Transaction based or capped:	Not applicable
Thresholds and/or exemptions:	Not applicable
Collection method:	Not applicable
Additional expenditure associated with collection:	Not applicable

If the policy is mainly a capital costs⁷ commitment	
Nature of Capital Spending	
Type of work, size and capacity:	Capital is a mix of minor and major works
Proposed start and completion date of work:	Construction will occur over four years
Intended construction schedule/cashflow:	As per financial impact table
Associated asset sell off (if any):	Not applicable
Recurrent Impacts	
Offsetting expenditure savings:	Not applicable
On-going maintenance, depreciation and operational expenses:	Refer to cost assumptions
Third party funding involvement:	Not applicable
Delivery model ⁸	Not applicable

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

⁷ Capital costs differ from expenditure in that only depreciation will be included in the impact on operating balance.

⁸ 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.