

## Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	Landcare NSW
Date of request:	15 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):	NSW Labor will provide the NSW LandCare Program with \$59 million in funding until 2026/27, including any funding currently in the budget.
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	No

Your estimated costing of the policy <sup>1</sup>						
	2022/23 \$'000	2023/24 \$'000	2024/25 \$'000	2025/26 \$'000	2026/27 and later years <sup>2</sup> \$'000	Total \$'000
Impact on General Government Sector (GGS) net operating result <sup>3</sup>		14,750	14,750	14,750	14,750	59,000
Impact on GGS capital expenditure <sup>4</sup>						
If different from above, impact on total State Sector net financial liabilities <sup>5</sup>						

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

<sup>1</sup> Amounts should be expressed in nominal dollars. GGS - General Government Sector.

<sup>2</sup> Please provide information on other years if spending occurs outside the forward estimate years and will be required to cost the policy or will assist in public understanding of the policy.

<sup>3</sup> Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

<sup>4</sup> Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

<sup>5</sup> Only required if proposal is outside GGS. Negative for a reduction in net financial liabilities.

<b>Key assumptions made in the policy</b>	
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>Although 2022-23 BP 2 identifies “\$29.8 million in recurrent expenses to deliver the National Land Care Program and to partner with Landcare communities in New South Wales to conserve and fund our natural resource priorities arising from vegetation loss, soil degradation and pests, weeds, and animals”, it is noted that the amount of NSW government funding available for Landcare NSW may only be \$5.824 million in 2022-23.</p> <p>Assume this 2022-23 funding is included in the \$59 million.</p>
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	
Are there associated savings, offsets or, in the case of a revenue proposal, offsetting expenses? If yes, please provide details.	<p>Where possible the cost of this policy should be offset from the “reserved” and “unallocated” available money in the Regional Growth Fund.</p> <p>As far as this policy requires, the priority for funding to Landcare should go to the regions, and it is estimated that up to 85% of Landcare programs are outside of the Greater Sydney (metro).</p> <p>As a result, 85% this costing should be offset using the Regional Growth Fund.</p>

<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Intended date of implementation:	Upon formation of government.
Intended duration of policy:	Ongoing
Who will administer the policy (e.g. Government entity, non-government organisation, etc.)?	Local Land Services
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account	All required legislative and regulatory changes would be taken

(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>6</sup> commitment</b>	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	

<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>7</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>8</sup>	

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

<sup>7</sup> Capital costs differ from expenditure in that only depreciation will be included in the impact on operating balance. The capital cost of the asset to be acquired will however be included in the net financial liabilities statement.

<sup>8</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

**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?
  - 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.

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public/private partnership arrangements), and so on. The policy should provide assumptions about the proposed delivery model.