

Election Costing Request Form

Details of request	
Party:	Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch)
Name of Policy:	A Regional Co-located Emergency Services Precinct including Emergency Operations Centre at Moruya.
Date of request:	9 December 2022

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 commit \$5 million towards a Regional Co-located Emergency Services Precinct including Emergency Operations Centre at Moruya. This is on top of the current NSW Government \$15 million allocation, and \$ million from the Commonwealth Government.
Has the policy been publicly released yet?	Yes. On 27 January 2022, Federal and NSW Labor committed \$25 million to an Emergency Operations Precinct in Moruya, including an Emergency Operations Centre. https://anthonyalbanese.com.au/media-centre/labor-fund-emergency-operations-precinct-eurobodalla-minns-phillips-holland .

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

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

² 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.

³ Negative for a saving that reduces expenditure

⁴ Negative for a reduction in capital expenditure.

total State Sector net financial liabilities ⁵						
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Note: Has the policy been costed by a third party?
If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?

Key assumptions made in the policy	
<p>Does the policy relate to a previous announcement? If yes, which announcement?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. The NSW Government has announced \$15 million towards the establishment of an Emergency Operations Centre at Moruya. (https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/235824/220125-Steph-Cooke-med-rel-Multi-million-dollar-investment-in-emergency-management-centres.pdf). This falls well short of the funding required. • Federal and NSW Labor committed a total joint contribution of \$25 million towards an Emergency Operations Precinct in Moruya, including an Emergency Operations Centre. https://anthonyalbanese.com.au/media-centre/labor-fund-emergency-operations-precinct-eurobodalla-minns-phillips-holland
<p>What assumptions have been made in deriving the financial impacts in your estimated costing? (See checklist)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 28 June 2022 the Eurobodalla Shire Council acknowledged a \$200,000 grant towards site identification for the Regional Co-located Emergency Services Precinct. https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/218483/Agenda-Public.pdf • Minutes of the Eurobodalla Shire Council held on 11 October 2022 recognise that: (https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0020/223913/Agenda-Public.pdf) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All reasonable survey, legal and valuation costs associated with the land acquisitions be borne by Council. ○ These funds are being directly managed by the NSW Rural Fire Service under the oversight of the Deputy Commissioner of the Rural Fire Service with regular reporting required to the RFS Commissioner and Minister. ○ Rural Fire Service State planning office ii) Rural Fire Service State fire mitigation crews iii) Rural Fire Service regional office iv) Rural Fire Service Far South Coast Fire Control Centre v) Moruya Rural Fire Service Station vi) Eurobodalla Emergency Operations Centre. ○ Council also engaged with NSW Ambulance about the preferred location of their facility to assess interest in being part of the collocated precinct. The Deputy Commissioner of NSW Ambulance has written to Council advising their preferred site will be on the land set aside for the new Eurobodalla Regional Hospital. ○ The land and facilities for NSW Fire and Rescue, Ambulance and Police are all provided by the NSW Government. ○ Council pays an annual contribution for the services provided by the RFS, SES and NSW Fire and Rescue. ○ This first phase of the facility will house: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rural Fire Service State planning office ▪ Rural Fire Service State fire mitigation crews ▪ Rural Fire Service regional office

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rural Fire Service Far South Coast Fire Control Centre ▪ Moruya Rural Fire Service Station ▪ Eurobodalla Emergency Operations Centre. ○ Council should ensure the existing RFS Fire Control Building is demolished, thereby removing the ongoing costs of this facility to partially offset the ongoing depreciation costs of the new facility. • Social Impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Given the extensive bushfire, flooding, coastal and other risks in Eurobodalla, having access to appropriate and modern emergency management facilities is essential. ○ Council have indicated that 95% of the Eurobodalla citizens placed emergency services as the number one issue for government to address. ○ There will be significant employment opportunities during construction and with flow on effects to the regional community. • The shared costs of technology provisions, servicing, highway access, parking, security, and other services will lead to a savings efficiency. • The facility will be staffed within existing resources.
Is there a range for the costing or any sensitivity analysis that you have undertaken?	The allocated is a fixed amount of \$25 million towards the establishment of a Regional Co-located Emergency Services Precinct including Emergency Operations Centre at Moruya.
Are there associated savings, offsets or, in the case of a revenue proposal, offsetting expenses? If yes, please provide details.	The existing RFS Fire Control Building is to be demolished, thereby removing the ongoing costs of this facility to partially offset the ongoing depreciation costs of the new facility.

Administration of policy	
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.)?	Emergency Services
Are there any specific administrative arrangements for the policy that need to be taken into account (e.g. agreements between different levels of government)?	The co-funding commitments between the State and Federal Governments towards the project.

Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	
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If the policy is mainly an expenditure ⁶ commitment	
Demand driven or a capped amount:	Capped
Eligibility criteria or thresholds:	n/a

If the policy is mainly a revenue commitment	
Transaction based or capped:	Capped
Thresholds and/or exemptions:	n/a
Collection method:	n/a
Additional expenditure associated with collection:	n/a

If the policy is mainly a capital costs ⁷ commitment	
Nature of Capital Spending	
Type of work, size and capacity:	\$25 million.
Proposed start and completion date of work:	1 July 2023
Intended construction schedule/cashflow:	Council is in the land acquisition process. It is envisaged that that
Associated asset sell off (if any):	
Recurrent Impacts	
Offsetting expenditure savings:	
On-going maintenance, depreciation and operational expenses:	
Third party funding involvement:	
Delivery model ⁸	

Checklist for key assumptions (please be comprehensive and include all relevant assumptions). Assumptions could include, but are not limited to, questions such as:

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. The capital cost of the asset to be acquired will however be included in the net financial liabilities statement.

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.

- 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.