



Kristina Keneally MP

Friday, 11th March 2011

Mr Tony Harris
Acting Parliamentary Budget Officer
NSW Parliament
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

11/3
3-20pm

Dear Mr Harris

I am writing to you to formally request, under Part 4 (Election policy costings) of the Parliamentary Budget Officer Act 2010, an official costing for the following announced policies:

- *Iconic Central Coast Walking Track*
- *Iconic Walking Path for Illawarra Families*
- *Climate Change: A Liveable Western Sydney – One Million Trees*
- *Sydney East Drug Court*
- *Boost for Children and Adults with Hearing Loss*
- *New Youth Centre in Arncliffe Park*
- *Historic Parramatta School to Become Western Sydney Arts Precinct*

This policy document includes commitments under Section 18(2) of the Act, specifically:

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Please find attached a copy of this policy outlining the purpose of the policy and relevant details required to complete the costing as per the requirements of the Act.

A copy of the NSW Treasury costing and budget impact statement for the policy has also been included for your reference.

Should you require any further information on this request, please contact my office on (02) 9228-5239.

Yours sincerely

Kristina Keneally
Premier of NSW
Leader of NSW Labor Party



ICONIC CENTRAL COAST WALKING TRACK – STATE GOVERNMENT \$1 MILLION INVESTMENT

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A re-elected Labor Government will invest \$1 million to create an iconic cross-country, multi-day walking track on the Central Coast – extending from Bouddi National Park on Broken Bay to the southern end of Newcastle.

The new funding will upgrade and extend some of the State's most famous walks – including the *Bouddi Coastal Walk* and *Great North Walk*.

It will link previously unconnected tracks to create a single coastal track for Central Coast residents.

It will take in some of the State's best national parks and reserves, including:

- Bouddi National Park;
- Wamberal Lagoon Nature Reserve;
- Munmorah State Conservation Area; and
- Glenrock State Conservation Area.

In addition, the \$1 million investment will fund new infrastructure such as visitor information and signage.

The walking track will benefit locals and lure tourists to the Central Coast.

Premier Kristina Keneally announced the new walking track today at Toukley, joined by Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast and Member for Wyong David Harris, Member for Swansea Robert Coombs, Gosford candidate Katie Smith, The Entrance candidate David Mehan and Terrigal candidate Trevor Drake.

"Walking is one the most popular physical activities in NSW – and this new track will enhance the experience for Central Coast locals and visitors," Ms Keneally said.

"The Central Coast is one of the most attractive parts of NSW, and we are creating this new multi-day track to give walkers a great perspective of the abundant natural beauty this region has to offer."

"David Harris has advocated strongly for this walking track and deserves to be congratulated for the work he has done to bring this project to this stage."

Mr Harris said: "This investment is great news – it will create a walking track that is iconic not just for the Central Coast, but for the whole State.

"Local families will be able to enjoy our region's many lookouts, beaches and nature reserves from a well-linked track that offers easy access to public transport.

"This picturesque path will also be a drawcard for visitors who want to explore the region, delivering benefits to local businesses, restaurants and hotels.

"This investment in the walking track will ensure generations of local families can enjoy the spectacular beauty of the State for years to come."

Costing of Proposal

Title/Subject:	Healthy walking on the Central Coast
Pink/Physical ID:	EA1644833
Proposal by:	Government
Agency:	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water
Cluster:	Environment, Climate Change and Water
Detailed description:	\$1 million to upgrade and extend existing tracks to create iconic cross-country walks on the Central Coast, including the Bouddi Coastal Walk and links to the Great North Walk and parks in the Lower Hunter.
FIS No: 486	
Classification: GGB	

General Government Sector Financial Impact

	2010-11 \$'000	2011-12 \$'000	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	Ongoing \$'000
Expenses (incl. depreciation)		50	50	50	50	50
Less Agency Offsets (1)						
Less Agency Revenue						
Less Crown Provisions						
Budget Result Impact	0	-50	-50	-50	-50	-50
						Residual
Capital Expenditure		1,000				
Less Capital Offsets (1)						
Net Capital Cost	0	-1,000	0	0	0	0
Depreciation		50	50	50	50	
Net Lending (2)	0	-1,000	0	0	0	

Public Trading Enterprises Sector Financial Impact

	2010-11 \$'000	2011-12 \$'000	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000	Ongoing \$'000
Revenues						
Expenses						
Operating Result	0	0	0	0	0	0
						Residual
Capital Expenditure						
Less Capital Offsets (1)						
Net Capital Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation						
Net Lending (2)	0	0	0	0	0	

Accumulated Net Financial Liabilities as at 30 June (3)

	2010-11 \$'000	2011-12 \$'000	2012-13 \$'000	2013-14 \$'000	2014-15 \$'000
General Government Sector	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total State Sector	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

(1) Includes items such as available funding within existing estimates, expenditure offsets, recurrent savings associated with capital projects, linked assets sales.

(2) Equal to Budget Result or Operating Result Impact plus Net Capital Cost.

(3) Equals cumulative Net Lending Impact. Total State Sector equals sum of General Government and PTE (and PFE) sectors.

Key costing assumptions

The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) has advised that these works require additional funding. It is assumed the works will commence on 1 July 2011 and will be completed within the 2011-12 financial year. Depreciation is 5% per annum.

Key data

NA

Caveats or qualifications



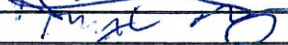

As DECCW receives revenue from the waste and environment levy for environmental programs and commitments, Treasury would expect these costs to be met from within the resources already allocated. DECCW should be able to reprioritise its approved capital program to accommodate this proposal, or offset its recurrent expenses with this capital cost to ensure no impact to the State's Net Lending position. In the time available however, it has not been possible to identify specific programs for reprioritisation.

Implementation issues (including how Treasury can assist in speedy implementation and any potential difficulties and how these might be overcome)

These lands are managed by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water. Capital works spending to upgrade, link and extend existing tracks, as well as construct visitor facilities, can be undertaken at any time.

Other comments (including explanation where Treasury costing differs from agency or PBO estimates)

NA

Position	Name and extension	Signature	Date
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