



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



A BETTER START FOR OUR CHILDREN - CHAMPIONING CHILDHOOD

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A re-elected Keneally Government will boost outdoor education and introduce vegetable gardens in schools to promote healthy eating and physical activity as part of the *Championing Childhood – A Better Start For Our Kids* package.

In addition, a re-elected Keneally Government will fund a new \$3 million youth centre in Arncliffe Park.

“Children deserve to grow up in a natural and healthy environment,” Ms Keneally said.

“That’s why a re-elected Keneally Government will trial outdoor education programs and vegetable gardens in our public schools, as well as continue to fund local sporting clubs and youth activities.”

Championing Childhood – A Better Start For Our Kids will:

- **Invest \$450,000 to trial Outdoor Education programs** in three schools in the Hunter, Illawarra and Western Sydney – to be expanded across NSW if successful;
- **Provide \$400,000 to build vegetable gardens and kitchen facilities at nine schools** to allow kids to grow, prepare and learn about healthy food from the ground up;
- **Continue funding for local sport facilities, including an \$8 million investment over four years in Surf Life Saving and Nippers** to upgrade surf clubs; and
- **Improve guidelines for school canteens** to encourage healthy eating.

The new nine schools to receive vegetable gardens are:

- Plunkett Street Public School;
- Randwick Public School;
- Erskineville Public School;
- Lewisham Public School;
- Riverwood Public School;
- Melrose Park Public School;
- West Ryde Public School;
- Marayong Public School; and
- Willmot Public School.

“Children love video games and social media, but research shows us that children’s favourite activity is still spending time playing outside,” Ms Keneally said.

“Labor’s plans for outdoor education in schools and continued investment in sports facilities and parks will ensure children have plenty of opportunities to get outside in the fresh air for healthy play.

“Our plans for new vegetable gardens and improved canteen guidelines in schools, combined with the NSW Government existing healthy eating initiatives such as *Munch and Move*, will ensure that children get into the right eating patterns early in life.”

Labor candidate for Rockdale, Steve Kamper said: "Community groups in Arncliffe have been active in calling for a youth centre for our area."

"I am delighted a re-elected Keneally Government will work with Rockdale Council and all interested local groups on the best way forward to ensure a new youth centre is built at Arncliffe Park."

Background:

The NSW Government has a strong record in investing in programs to support young people including:

- \$2 million for the expansion of the Better Futures program for community based youth activities such as Midnight Basketball;
- \$29.5 million for the development of over 1300 local and regional level sport and recreation facilities;
- \$1.65 million for 230 not-for-profit and local government sports programs which seek to increase regular and ongoing participation opportunities; and
- \$1 million for more than 280 programs that improve opportunities for young people with a disability to participate in sport and physical activity.

Costing of Proposal

Title/Subject:	Arncliffe Youth Centre
Pink/Physical ID:	EA1642081
Proposal by:	Government
Agency:	Communities NSW
Cluster:	Communities
Detailed description:	To provide \$3 million to build a youth centre in Arncliffe Park to provide recreational activities for young people.
FIS No: 86	
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)	0	3,000	0	0	0	0
Less Agency Offsets (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Agency Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Crown Provisions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Budget Result Impact	0	-3,000	0	0	0	0
						Residual
Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Capital Offsets (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Capital Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Lending (2)	0	-3,000	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Result	0	0	0	0	0	0
						Residual
Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less Capital Offsets (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Capital Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Lending (2)	0	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	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total State Sector	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000

(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

No information has been provided in regards to the extent of the proposed works and whether the \$3 million meets the full construction cost of the centre. It is assumed that the one-off grant is capped at \$3 million, provided to Rockdale City Council in 2011-12 for the construction of a Youth Centre and that any costs over and above this amount will be absorbed by either Rockdale City Council or community funding. It is also understood that Rockdale City Council will provide the land for construction of the facility (or an alternate site if Arncliffe Park is unsuitable) and will fund the ongoing operational costs of the Centre post construction.

Key data

NA

Caveats or qualifications




NA

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

NA

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

NA

Position	Name and extension	Signature	Date
Analyst(s)	Olivia Jekic		22/2/11
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Deputy Secretary	Matt Roberts		22/2/11