


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	Improved discharges from Queanbeyan Sewage Treatment Plant					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	30 th July 2012, http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Lakes_Initiative_Final.pdf (point 10, last page)					
Summary of election commitment:	This commitment would see the Environmental Protection Authority (ACT) enter dialogue with the Queanbeyan City Council to work towards having the Queanbeyan City Council update the Queanbeyan Sewage treatment plant's 2004 Environmental Authorisation to meet Australian guidelines.					
Intention of election commitment:	To work towards the updating of the Environmental Authorisation and, in the process, improve water quality in Lake Burley Griffin.					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	3/9/12					
What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?						
<p>Note: that where the request to cost an election commitment differs from the public announcement, the costing will be on the basis of information provided in the costing request.</p> <p>Note: it will be up to the professional judgment of the Director-General as to whether these assumptions are adopted in the costing of the election commitment.</p>						
Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?						
N/A.						
Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?						
The ACT Government will work in partnership with the Queanbeyan City Council (NSW Government) to update the treatment standards.						
Will funding/the cost require indexation?						
N/A.						
What are the estimated revenue and operating costs each year (if available) and what are the capital requirements for this election commitment and estimated costs each year (if available)?						
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue ^(a)						
Expenses ^(a)	0					0
Capital	0					0
(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.						
What is the likely take up?						
N/A.						
Any other assumptions?						

It is assumed that this work could be absorbed by existing staff costs within the EPA

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

Staff in the Environment Protection Authority will be responsible for administering the commitment in collaboration with the Queanbeyan City Council.

Who will administer the election commitment?

The Environment Protection Authority.

Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment?

- **If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this election commitment?**
- As mentioned above, it is assumed that this work could be absorbed by existing staff costs within the EPA as this work is part of their core responsibilities.
- **If yes, please specify the key assumptions.**

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

It is proposed that the work be carried out in 2013-14.

Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation?

No.

Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?

No.

When is the election commitment expected to be fully operational?

Please provide further details i.e. start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc?

As mentioned above, the work will take place in 2013-14.

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

N/A.