


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<i>A decentralized energy roadmap for the ACT</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2012, <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/CLIMATE-ENERGY_PACKAGE.pdf">http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/CLIMATE-ENERGY_PACKAGE.pdf</a> (point 4, page 3)					
Summary of election commitment:	The intention of this study is to provide a road map for upgrades to improve the ACT grid. The level of detail specified in the roadmap should be such that it can inform a grid-wide upgrade and retro-fitting plan to be rolled out in the ACT.					
Intention of election commitment:	The overall intent of the roadmap is to identify how the ACT electricity grid can accommodate a greater volume of distributed energy and to identify opportunities to improve demand management.					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	10/10/12					
<b>Key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment</b>						
<p><b>Note:</b> 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><b>Note:</b> 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>						
<b>Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?</b>						
N/A.						
<b>Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?</b>						
No.						
<b>Will funding/the cost require indexation?</b>						
No.						
<b>What are the estimated costs each year (if available)? †</b>						
	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue <sup>(a)</sup>						
Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>		-170				-170
Capital						
(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.						
<b>What is the likely take up?</b>						
N/A.						

**What are the capital requirements for this election commitment and estimated costs each year (if available)?**

N/A.

**Any other assumptions?**

Given the technical nature of the roadmap, it is envisaged that a consultant would undertake this work. According to a quote provided by Hill Michael in September 2012, the work would be completed in 2 stages:

- Stage 1 provides an overview assessment and identifies the key characteristics of the roadmap and
- Stage 2 provides a detailed investigation and recommendations

Hill Michael estimates that Stage 1 would take 30 days and cost approximately \$37,600 (excl. GST) to conduct whilst Stage 2 would take 50 working days and cost \$125,000 (excl. GST). This comes to a total cost of \$162,600. We have allocated \$170,000 in funding for this initiative to allow for indexation and any additional costs.

The full Hill Michael quote is available on request.

#### ***Administration of the election commitment***

**How will the election commitment be administered?**

The commitment will be overseen by staff in the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate.

**Who will administer the election commitment?**

The Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate.

**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?
- If yes, please specify the key assumptions

It is assumed that the commitment will not have a material impact on existing staff and that the agency will be able to absorb any additional administrative burden. Additionally a modest additional amount has been allocated to cover any additional expenses that may be incurred.

**What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?**

The roadmap is to be prepared and finalised 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?***

The roadmap is to be completed in 2013-14.

**Will the election commitment cease and if so when?**

N/A.