


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Increase community engagement and investment in local renewable energy generation</i>
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	21 st September 2012, http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/CLIMATE-ENERGY_PACKAGE.pdf (point 3, page 3)
Summary of election commitment:	<p>This proposal relates to the Government's large-scale reverse solar auction and comprises 2 parts:</p> <p>(1) The inclusion of community engagement and investment criteria in the pre-qualification process This would mean that bidders who fulfil all mandatory criteria <u>and</u> can offer community engagement and/or investment opportunities would be favoured over bidders who offer no opportunities for the community.</p> <p>(2) 20MW of the large-scale FIT set aside for community-owned projects with a minimum size of 30kW. To reduce the pressure on ActewAGL, community groups would be free to apply for a share of this tranche at any time, rather than it being released by reverse auction.</p>
Intention of election commitment:	This initiative aims to facilitate opportunities for the community to be educated about and financially benefit from large-scale renewable energy generation.
Signature of person requesting costing:	
Date of request for costing:	10/10/12
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?	
No.	
Will funding/the cost require indexation?	
N/A.	
What are the 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)						
Capital						

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.

What is the likely take up?

N/A.

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

N/A.

Any other assumptions?

No.

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

The commitment will be administered 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.

Staffing provisions have already been made for the large-scale FiT. This initiative does not add to the work required as it is a legislative amendment only. Any incidental costs that do arise are expected to be absorbed from within existing agency resources.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

It is proposed that the changes would be introduced by the end of 2013.

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?

It is proposed that the changes would be introduced by the end of 2013.

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

N/A