


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<b><i>Canberra Nature Park Restoration Program</i></b>
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2012, <a href="http://act.greens.org.au/content/nature-parks-package">http://act.greens.org.au/content/nature-parks-package</a> (point 1, page 3)
Summary of election commitment:	This commitment requires the establishment of specialised teams who will attend to the restoration work that is needed across 4,200 hectares of Canberra Nature Park. These teams will include ParkCare volunteers working in collaboration with Parks, Conservation and Lands rangers and externally contracted restoration providers as necessary, e.g. Greening Australia <sup>1</sup> or Conservation Volunteers Australia.
Intention of election commitment:	This commitment will supplement the existing \$250,000 over 4 years that was allocated for woodland restoration in the 2011-12 budget.
Signature of person requesting costing:	
Date of request for costing:	10/10/12

**What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?**

**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.  
**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.

**Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?**

This funding is capped at \$722,500 per year.

**Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?**

Contractors will be engaged to carry out the restoration work, however the funding will be managed by the ACT Government.

**Will funding/the cost require indexation?**

No.

**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 <sup>(a)</sup>						
Expenses <sup>(a)</sup>		-722.5	-722.5	-722.5	-722.5	-2,890

<sup>1</sup> Greening Australia's "Green teams" offer a potential model for the required restoration teams. These teams are funded by the NRM Council and comprise volunteers who carry out bush regeneration primarily on rural land.

Capital						
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(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 proposed that the additional funding be allocated on top of the existing \$250,000 committed for woodland restoration.
- The funding allocated is a fixed amount to fund the restoration program and it is expected that the Directorate will manage the program within the funds provided.
- Staffing costs within the Directorate to manage this initiative will be managed within existing resources.

***Administration of the election commitment***

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

The program will be administered by the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate

**Who will administer the election commitment?**

The Territory and Municipal Services 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.

No. Any additional cost will be absorbed from within existing directorate resources.

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

2013-14 to 2016-17.

**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 restoration work would commence in 2013-14 and run until 2016-17.

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

The commitment will run for each of the next 4 years.