


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Investigate the feasibility of bushland management teams for the ACT</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	3 rd October 2012, http://act.greens.org.au/content/nature-parks-package (point 2, page 5)					
Summary of election commitment:	This commitment will require TAMS to undertake a feasibility study into adopting a 'bushland management' approach for the ACT.					
Intention of election commitment:	The adoption of a bushland management approach is expected to result in the development of a highly skilled team of land managers, contractors and volunteers who will work in a more strategic, coordinated and cost efficient way to achieve measurable and defined outcomes throughout Canberra's reserve system.					
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?						
<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, however the teams will comprise external contractors and volunteers.						
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 ^(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						

Any other assumptions?

- There are no additional costs associated with this commitment.
- It is expected that the scoping work would be undertaken by TAMS, and that this work can be absorbed within existing resources.

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

The commitment will be administered by staff in 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.

As stated above, it is expected that the costs associated with this initiative can be absorbed within the existing resources within the Directorate.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

The scoping work should be undertaken 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 scoping work should be undertaken and finalised in 2013-14.

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

N/A.