


## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of election commitment:</b>	<i>Provide \$25,000 annually for Park-wide monitoring and reporting from 2013-14</i>					
<b>Person and party requesting costing:</b>	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
<b>Date of public release of election commitment, including source:</b>	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 2, page 4)					
<b>Summary of election commitment:</b>	This commitment requires regular, comprehensive and independent monitoring and reporting on the condition of each of Canberra Nature Park's reserves to ensure that all sites are assessed and reported upon every 3 years.					
<b>Intention of election commitment:</b>	The commitment aims to increase monitoring and reporting to ensure better management outcomes for Canberra Nature Park.					
<b>Signature of person requesting costing:</b>						
<b>Date of request for costing:</b>	10/10/12					
<b>What are the 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>						
A capped amount.						
<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>						
Yes.						
<b>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)?</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>		-26	-27	-28	-29	-110
Capital						
<b>What is the likely take up?</b>						
N/A.						

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

**Any other assumptions?**

- The Environment Commissioner estimated that it cost her office approximately \$70,000 to assess all of Canberra Nature Park's reserves in 2011.<sup>1</sup>
- Consistent with that cost \$25,000 per year (indexed) over the 3 year reporting period is provided for the commitment.
- It is assumed that the external consultant that undertakes the task can be supervised by existing staff within the Directorate and accordingly no additional supervisory staffing costs have been included.

**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.

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 monitoring work would commence in 2013-14 as detailed above.

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

N/A.

<sup>1</sup> This included a pilot study and peer review; p.93 of the Commissioner for the Environment's *Investigation into the Canberra Nature Park (2011)*