


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Ensure that the Commonwealth has final sign-off powers on any environmentally significant development proposals in the ACT</i>
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	7 th October 2012 http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/BIODIVERSITY.pdf (point 1, page 3)
Summary of election commitment:	This commitment will ensure that any environmentally significant development proposals in the ACT are referred to the Commonwealth (under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act</i>) for final approval.
Intention of election commitment:	The commitment aims to ensure that the assessment of environmentally significant development proposals leads to optimal biodiversity outcomes.
Signature of person requesting costing:	
Date of request for costing:	11/10/12

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?
 N/A.

Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?
 Negotiation with the Commonwealth will be required in relation to bilateral agreements.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?
 No.

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.
<p>Any other assumptions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been assumed that the work required to fulfil the commitment can be met out of existing staffing resources within the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate.
<p>Administration of the election commitment</p>
<p>How will the election commitment be administered? The commitment will be overseen by the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate.</p>
<p>Who will administer the election commitment? The Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate.</p>
<p>Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this election commitment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this election commitment? If yes, please specify the key assumptions. <p>It is assumed that any associated work should be absorbed by existing resources within ESDD.</p>
<p>What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment? It is proposed that this commitment will be fulfilled by the end of 2013.</p>
<p>Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation? No.</p>
<p>Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered? No.</p>
<p>When is the election commitment expected to be fully operational? <i>Please provide further details i.e. start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc?</i> By the end of 2013.</p>
<p>Will the election commitment cease and if so when? N/A.</p>