

## 2020 Election Commitment – Canberra Liberals

<b>Name of Commitment:</b>	<b>Best and safest learning environments – One Million Trees - Kindergarten Vouchers</b>	<b>Reference Number:</b> LIB006
<b>Request Submitted by:</b>	Alistair Coe MLA, Canberra Liberals	
<b>Date Request Received:</b>	30-Sep-20	
<b>Additional Information Requested (details and date)</b>	NA	
<b>Additional Information Received (details and date)</b>	NA	

<b>Financial Implications</b>					
<b>Impact On:</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
Expenses <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	-73.4	-74.4	-75.5	-76.8	<b>-300.1</b>
- Employee Expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
- Other Expenses	-73.4	-74.4	-75.5	-76.8	<b>-300.1</b>
- Cost of Financing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
Depreciation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Net Operating Balance</b>	<b>-73.4</b>	<b>-74.4</b>	<b>-75.5</b>	<b>-76.8</b>	<b>-300.1</b>
<b>Capital Requirement</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Cash Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-73.4</b>	<b>-74.4</b>	<b>-75.5</b>	<b>-76.8</b>	<b>-300.1</b>
<small>(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.</small>					
<small>(b) Excludes depreciation</small>					

<b>Other Information</b>
<b>Costing Methodology Used:</b>
<b>- Costing Technique:</b>
Treasury has costed this commitment based on the number of kindergarten students enrolled in ACT schools as per the Census of ACT Schools as at February 2020, population growth and a fixed cost per voucher.
<b>- Proposal Parameters:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The costing assumes a \$20 voucher is provided to children in all ACT schools on their first day of kindergarten, redeemable towards a tree from a Canberra nursery of their choice, to commence on an ongoing basis from the beginning of the 2021 school year.</li> <li>• The costing assumes 60 per cent of vouchers are redeemed, consistent with the average take-up rates observed in the NSW Active Kids program in 2018 and 2019.</li> <li>• The costing assumes that administrative expenses associated with the program would be absorbed by the Education Directorate.</li> </ul>
<b>Caveats or qualifications to the costing:</b>
As the NSW Active Kids program does not provide vouchers for trees, there is a high degree of uncertainty around the future take-up rate of this commitment. If the take-up is 100 per cent instead of the costed 60 per cent, this would add \$48,960 to the costing in 2020-21.
<b>Other Comments:</b>
This costing only includes the 'One Million Trees' element of the Canberra Liberal's election announcement - <i>Deliver Better Education Outcomes</i> .
<b>- Statistical Data Used:</b>
Treasury estimates are based on the ACT Schools Census - February 2020 produced by the ACT Education Directorate, population growth forecasts as per the Standard Costing Parameters, and data on the NSW Active Kids program produced by the NSW Government Office of Sport.



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