

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Housing – Kowen Development
Person requesting costing:	Elizabeth Lee MLA
Date of request:	11 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	A Canberra Liberals government will begin the development of Kowen District as Canberra's next town centre and urban district.
Issue the proposal will address:	This policy will provide long-term supply of new and affordable housing for aspiring homeowners in the ACT.
Proposal's public announcement details (media release or policy statement published on a party website) ¹ :	Canberra Liberals website – see policy document and media release.

What are the key assumptions that have been made in the proposal?

Note: The costing will be developed on the basis of information and assumptions provided in the costing request. The professional judgment of the Under Treasurer will determine whether these assumptions are adopted in the costing of the proposal.

This proposal includes funding for feasibility studies to be undertaken to enable longer-term planning and development of Kowen District. The cost is based on comparable work undertaken for the Western Edge development.

What are the estimated revenue and operating costs each year (if available) and what are the capital requirements for this proposal and estimated costs each year (if available)?

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses^(a)	0	-450	-450	-450	-1,350
Capital^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Offset - Expenses^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Offset - Capital^(a)	0	0	0	0	0
Full-time equivalent employees	0	0	0	0	0

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses, depreciation or capital outflows. A positive number indicates an increase in revenue or decrease in expenses, depreciation or capital inflows. The expenses row is not to include depreciation costs.

¹ As per Part 2, section 5 of the *Election Commitments Costing Act 2012*

Has any specific information or data been utilised in generating the proposal? Please provide links or attach information/data sources referenced.
No
Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?
Demand driven
Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the proposal? Does the proposal provide additional funding to, or redirect, any existing Commonwealth/State or Territory funding arrangements?
EPSDD may contract for services where appropriate.
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
N/a.
Who will administer the proposal?
EPSDD
How will the proposal be administered?
The proposal will be administered consistent with studies undertaken at Western Edge.
Is the proposal part of a broader package? If so, please identify the other elements of the package.
No.
Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal?
– If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal? – If yes, please specify the key assumptions.
Any administrative expenses will be absorbed by EPSDD.
Will the proposal generate savings or offsets? If so, please quantify any savings or offsets.
No.
Has the proposal been previously costed by an external (third) party? If so, will a copy of this material, including any assumptions, be made available to Treasury?
No.
What are the community impacts associated with the proposal? Who and how many people will be affected?
This policy will provide long-term supply of new and affordable housing for aspiring homeowners in the ACT.
Are there any transitional considerations associated with implementation of the proposal? If so, how will they be managed?
No.
What is the intended implementation date of the proposal?
Funding will be provided in the 2025/26 Budget.
When is the proposal expected to be fully operational? Please provide details such as the start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc.

It is expected work will commence in 2025/26.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
Significant work is required to develop Kowen District. It is expected the project will not be fully delivered until 2060.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.