


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Reinvigorate the community process to adopt a new coat of arms
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr MLA 
Date of request:	11 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	<p>Reinvigorate the process to receive community input and present a proposed new Territory insignia and coat of arms to Territory residents.</p> <p>It is important that the ACT's origins and authentic identity are reflected appropriately in its symbols and insignia.</p> <p>The ACT is a unique combination of people and place – a progressive and inclusive society on Ngunnawal land.</p> <p>ACT Labor will finalise the work done in this area, drawing on the recommendations of the Legislative Assembly Committee report on the design and adoption of an ACT coat of arms/insignia that authentically expresses its people and place.</p>
Issue the proposal will address:	Current insignia used for Canberra and the ACT, in the public service and elsewhere, are outdated and do not properly recognise traditional owners and the diverse, inclusive community the ACT has become.
Proposal's public announcement details (media release or policy statement published on a party website) ¹ :	act-labor-policy-position-statement-2024-7-october-2024.pdf (actlabor.org.au) page 41.

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.

A re-elected Labor Government will reinvigorate the Community Reference Group process to facilitate community input, leading to the adoption of an appropriate design for a Territory coat of arms/ insignia.

CMTEDD will continue to administer this process and provide secretariat functions for the Reference Group.

The 0.5 FTE ASO 6 position to undertake secretariat and coordination functions will commence from the 2025-26 financial year and conclude at the end of the 2026-27 year.

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

This position has been costed as per the Average Salary Costing template with 1.76% workers compensation rate assumed.

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)					
Expenses^(a)		-75.0	-77.2		-152.2
Capital^(a)					
Depreciation^(a)					
Offset - Expenses^(a)					
Offset - Capital^(a)					
Full-time equivalent employees		0.5	0.5		

(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.

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?

The FTE for this function is a capped and time limited amount as per the assumptions.

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?

No

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

The 0.5 FTE has been costed as per the Average Salary Costing template which includes increases as per relevant EBAs

Who will administer the proposal?

CMTEDD

How will the proposal be administered?
CMTEDD will be responsible for the management of this role and guidance of the Community Reference Panel's work over the two financial years.
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?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal? – If yes, please specify the key assumptions.
0.5 FTE ASO 6 will be allocated to conduct meeting coordination and papers collation. Wider oversight of this proposal would be absorbed by CMTEDD as part of its central policy and ACT symbol management coordination role.
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?
The proposal will directly or indirectly affect all ACT residents.
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?
The proposal will commence from 1 July 2025 and run for 2 years.
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.
From 1 July 2025.

Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?

The proposal will conclude at the end of the 2026-27 financial year as proposed ACT coat of arms is developed and agreed by the Community Reference Panel. It will then be a further decision of Government to determine if and how this is presented to the community for consideration.

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

No