

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Community Planning Advisory Service – More respectful community engagement
Person requesting costing:	Shane Rattenbury MLA
Date of request:	9 October 2020
Summary of proposal:	<p>The Greens will provide additional support for the community to have their say by establishing an independent planning advisory service, open to community members who need help with understanding and responding to development applications and other planning processes. This will help people impacted by development proposals to overcome the complex, technical nature of the system and have their say. We anticipate the service would be hosted by an existing community organisation.</p> <p>This is part of the New Plan for Canberra initiative. More information is available at https://greens.org.au/act/planning.</p>
Issue the proposal will address:	The community often feels let down or shut out by planning processes - especially around development applications.

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.

The proposal would provide \$200,000 annually for a community advisory service on planning and development applications and processes. This will be arranged via a funding agreement, similar to the agreements that fund environment groups such as the Conservation Council and SEE-Change.

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)?					
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue^(a)					
Expenses^(a)		-100	-200	-200	-500
Capital					
Depreciation					

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses. The expenses row does not include depreciation costs.

Has any specific information or data been utilised in generating the proposal?
No
Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?
Capped
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?
Yes, the service will be provided by a third party under contract.
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
No
Who will administer the proposal?
EPSDD
How will the proposal be administered?
Through a funding agreement with a community partner.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
Yes. A New Plan for Canberra. Other elements are costed separately or have no cost.
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.
Contract management expenses will be covered by the Directorate.
Will the proposal generate savings or offsets?
Investing in greater community engagement through this proposal potentially saves Government resources through decreased complaints and correspondence.

Has the proposal been previously costed by an external (third) party? 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?
Better information and advice for the many Canberrans affected by and interested in planning issues.
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?
July 2021
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 July 2021
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
Funded until June 2024
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
Full planning package at: https://greens.org.au/act/planning