

## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of proposal:</b>	A new plan for Canberra - Skills, Apprenticeships and Research-Industry Partnerships Fund
Person requesting costing:	Shane Rattenbury MLA
Date of request:	12 October 2020
Summary of proposal:	<p>The Greens will provide a new Skills, Apprenticeships and Research-Industry Partnerships Fund to build the skills and innovation needed to deliver a 10 year pathway to shift to world's best practice on climate-ready and environmentally-sustainable buildings.</p> <p>This is part of the New Plan for Canberra initiative. More information is available at <a href="https://greens.org.au/act/planning">https://greens.org.au/act/planning</a>.</p>
Issue the proposal will address:	<p>Canberrans are committed to climate action but our buildings are lagging behind - for example brand new apartments can be too hot to live in during heatwaves. Reform has been waiting for national action, but this is stuck, and environment and industry groups are calling for change. The Greens planning proposal aims to achieve a pathway to best practice climate-ready and environmentally sustainable buildings over 10 years. It will include changes to both planning and building standards.</p> <p>Industry can deliver innovation but needs time and certainty to skill up, test new methods and invest.</p> <p>This proposal aims to achieve that through a Skills, Apprenticeships and Research-Industry Partnerships Fund to assist industry to build the skills and innovation needed.</p>

### 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 Skills, Apprenticeships and Research-Industry Partnerships Fund will be \$200,000 per annum, starting in 2021/22.

The fund will operate as a grant scheme, akin to the zero-emissions community grants that EPSDD currently administers.

It is expected that applicants would be individuals and organisations involved in the building industry, such as architects and industry bodies. Administration of the scheme will be done by EPSDD within existing resources.

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
<b>Revenue<sup>(a)</sup></b>					
<b>Expenses<sup>(a)</sup></b>		-100	-200	-200	-500
<b>Capital</b>					
<b>Depreciation</b>					
(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?
No
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
No
Who will administer the proposal?
EPSDD
How will the proposal be administered?
Grants program, administered by EPSDD within existing resources, with a structure similar to the zero-emissions community grants fund.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
Yes, A New Plan for Canberra. Other elements will be 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"> <li>– If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal?</li> <li>– If yes, please specify the key assumptions.</li> </ul>
Administration of the scheme will be done by EPSDD within existing resources.
Will the proposal generate savings or offsets?
No
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?
Industry will benefit from the creation of the fund, which will help to build skills and innovation.
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.
July 2021
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
June 2024
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
Full planning package at: <a href="https://greens.org.au/act/planning">https://greens.org.au/act/planning</a>