

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Fast-Track Arboretum Upgrades
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr MLA
Date of request:	13 October 2020
Summary of proposal:	A re-elected ACT Labor Government will invest \$2.185 million infrastructure upgrades for the National Arboretum.
Issue the proposal will address:	Over 2020-21, a re-elected Labor Government, will invest in improved roads and trails in the facility, with a total of 4.5 kilometres of dirt roads upgraded to tarmac to allow access during wet weather. The investment will also be used for improved site accessibility, with new wheelchair accessible paths in Central Valley and the Himalayan Cedar Forest.

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.

Assumptions:

Upgrades to dirt roads throughout the facility:	\$1,900,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cork Oak – 780 l/m – including carpark expansion • River – 1,900 l/m • Totara – 700 l/m (the main run from River to Boundary) • Totara 470 l/m (Totara junction to Forest drive) • STEP and Depot access – 700 l/m • Total – 4,550 l/m 	
Site accessibility with wheelchair accessible paths in Central Valley and Himalayan Cedar Forest	\$85,000
Electronic Access Upgrades	\$80,000
Sustainability Upgrades	\$120,000
TOTAL	\$2,185,000

Interest costs as per the Standard Costings Parameters, half interest costs assumed for 2020-21 with works to commence on 1 January and financial completion in 2020-21.

Depreciation is applied on a 20 year useful life, nil residual value, straight line.

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)	-17.5	-35.2	-35.8	-36.4	-124.9
Capital	-2,185.0	-	-	-	-2,185.0
Depreciation		-109.3	-109.3	-109.3	-327.8

(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?

Information provided by Venues ACT

Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?

Capped – all works will be scoped to the allocated amounts.

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?

N/A

Who will administer the proposal?

Venues ACT

How will the proposal be administered?

By Venues ACT in collaboration with the National Arboretum

Is the proposal part of a broader 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.
No – costs will be absorbed by Venues ACT and oversight and governance will be provided through the existing screwdriver ready implementation working group.
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?
The National Arboretum is much loved by the entire Canberra community. This proposal will improve the roads and trails in the facility, including a total 4.5kms of dirt roads upgraded to tarmac to allow access during wet weather. The investment will also be used to improve site accessibility, with new wheelchair accessible paths in Central Valley and the Himalayan Cedar Forest.
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?
2020-21
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.
2020-21
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?

Works are to be completed by 1 July 2021.

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

No