

## 2020 Election Commitment – ACT Greens

<b>Name of Commitment:</b>	<b>Establishing an ACT Water Office</b>	<b>Reference Number:</b> GRN017
<b>Request Submitted by:</b>	Shane Rattenbury MLA, ACT Greens	
<b>Date Request Received:</b>	09-Oct-20	
<b>Additional Information Requested (details and date)</b>	Clarification was sought for the funding component in addition to the staffing cost allocated for the proposed ACT Water Office (12-Oct-2020).	
<b>Additional Information Received (details and date)</b>	Advice was provided that this funding is for the costs associated with the establishment of ACT Water Office, including consultant costs (12-Oct-2020).	

<b>Financial Implications</b>					
<b>Impact On:</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
Expenses <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	-566.0	-681.0	-687.0	-692.0	<b>-2,626.0</b>
- Employee Expenses	-166.0	-281.0	-287.0	-292.0	<b>-1,026.0</b>
- Other Expenses	-400.0	-400.0	-400.0	-400.0	<b>-1,600.0</b>
- Cost of Financing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
Depreciation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Net Operating Balance</b>	<b>-566.0</b>	<b>-681.0</b>	<b>-687.0</b>	<b>-692.0</b>	<b>-2,626.0</b>
<b>Capital Requirement</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Cash Surplus/Deficit</b>	-566.0	-681.0	-687.0	-692.0	<b>-2,626.0</b>
<small>(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.</small>					
<small>(b) Excludes depreciation</small>					

<b>Other Information</b>
<b>Costing Methodology Used:</b>
<b>- Costing Technique:</b>
The costing is an estimate based on the standard salaries and on-costs for the proposed positions, and fixed funding of \$800,000 over four years for the operations of the proposed Water Office and \$800,000 over four years for community education programs. Treasury considers that this scope could be achieved for the costing proposed.
<b>- Proposal Parameters:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The costing assumes the operating funding of \$800,000 over four years for the proposed ACT Water Office would be capped. All expenses associated with the establishment of the Water Office would need to be managed within this level of funding.</li> <li>• The funding of \$200,000 per year for community education programs and organisational improvements is also fixed.</li> </ul>
<b>Caveats or qualifications to the costing:</b>
The expense profile would be subject to the recruitment of suitably qualified staff and their respective start dates.
<b>Other Comments:</b>
The costing request states that other additional staff would be brought from relevant areas of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) to help deliver this proposal. Depending on Government priorities at that time, this may result in a diversion of resources from other areas.
<b>- Statistical Data Used:</b>
Treasury estimates..



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