

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of policy proposal:	A Fresh Approach to Heritage (4 October 2016)
Person requesting costing:	Alistair Coe MLA, Shadow Treasurer
Date of request:	12 October 2016
Summary of proposal:	The Canberra Liberals will deliver new ways to ensure the appreciation of heritage, better planning, education tools and funding for peak bodies.
Issue the proposal will address:	The need for better outcomes in planning.

What are the key assumptions that have been made in the proposal?

Note: The costing will 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 heritage policy includes:

- \$25,000 per year to implement a blue plaques scheme for buildings with a heritage significance. The scheme will be similar to that operated in Victoria where the owner of the building applies for a plaque and fixes the plaque themselves. The cost of each plaque is expected to be between \$2,000 and \$5,000. Any unspent funds will be rolled into the next year. It is expected that it will take 0.5 FTE to administer the program which will be absorbed by the Directorate.
- \$125,000 per year in 2017-18 and 2018-19 to expand the current program ran by the ACT Heritage Library for people to record their history. This funding is intended to promote the scheme, purchase new recording kits and provide advice to interviewers/interviewees.
- A one-off payment of \$20,000 to commission a heritage app or expand the Canberra Tracks App to include more heritage information.
- Funding of \$200,000 per year for peak heritage bodies.
- The Directorate will also be responsible for developing a heritage strategy, introducing heritage grading of buildings and ensuring heritage sites are incorporated in estate plans, all to be met from 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)?

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue^(a)					
Expenses^(a)	0	-370	-350	-225	-945
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 (for example, does an education proposal add to or redirect NERA funding)?
No.
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
No.
Who will administer the proposal?
The Environment and Planning Directorate.
How will the proposal be administered?
The Environment and Planning Directorate will be responsible for administering the grant funding program, the blue plaque scheme and engaging a contractor to develop a heritage app. The ACT Heritage Library will be responsible for the expanded oral history funding.
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. Implementation beyond what is provisioned for will be met from within existing resources. It is anticipated that the blue plaques scheme will only require 0.5 FTE which will be absorbed by the Directorate.
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?
Community impacts are expected to be positive.
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?
1 July 2017.

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?

1 July 2017.

Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?

Funding for blue plaques and peak bodies will terminate in 2020-21 and be reviewed.

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

No.