Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Investing in existing skateparks and playgrounds across Canberra
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr MLA
Date of request:	11 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	A re-elected Labor Government will invest in existing skateparks and playgrounds across Canberra, undertaking safety compliance works identified in previous years as well as a new round of compliance inspections (skateparks, playgrounds and fitness centres). Upgrades may include new or replacement landscaping, and replacement of 'soft-fall' at existing playgrounds. This includes annual safety audits of these community recreational facilities.
Issue the proposal will address:	This work will ensure existing community recreational infrastructure such as playgrounds and skateparks are fit for purpose. This program will ensure maintenance programs are up to date and responsive to the community, and that safety risks are addressed.
Proposal's public announcement details (media release or policy statement published on a party website)[1]:	This is listed under 'City Services' in the ACT Labor policy position statement. https://www.actlabor.org.au/media/342plfst/act-labor-policy-positon-statement-2024-7-october-2024.pdf

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 program will be administered by TCCS with administrative costs to be absorbed by the directorate. - The fund will have programmed amounts of $1.5 million in 2025-26, 2026-27 and $2 million in 2027-28 to reach a total of $5 million over 3 years from 2025-26. - Depreciation has not been included as the types of works that would be delivered through the program is dependent on audits of the existing playgrounds and skateparks. - This program will be offset by the Asset Renewal Program.
What are the estimated revenue and operating costs each year (if available) and what are the

[1] As per Part 2, section 5 of the *Election Commitments Costing Act 2012*

capital requirements for this proposal and estimated costs each year (if available)?					
	2024-25	**2025-26**	**2026-27**	**2027-28**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Revenue[(a)]	0	0	0	0	0
Expenses[(a)]	0	0	0	0	0
Capital[(a)]	0	-1,500	-1,500	-2,000	-5,000
Depreciation[(a)]	0	0	0	0	0
Offset - Expenses[(a)]	0	0	0	0	0
Offset - Capital[(a)]	0	1,500	1,500	2,000	5,000
Full-time equivalent employees	0	0	0	0	0

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses, depreciation or capital outflows. A positive number indicates an increase in revenue or decrease in expenses, depreciation or capital inflows. The expenses row is not to include depreciation costs.

Has any specific information or data been utilised in generating the proposal? Please provide links or attach information/data sources referenced.

No

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.

Any major safety and compliance issues that arise from the program that cannot be addressed through this funding profile will be considered separately through the annual Budget process.

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?

Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate

How will the proposal be administered?

Administration of the program will be conducted by the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate and absorbed by City Services.

Is the proposal part of a broader package? If so, please identify the other elements of the package.
Yes. This proposal forms part of ACT Labor's City Services package. The initiative is not dependent on other elements of the package for delivery.
Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal? – If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal? – If yes, please specify the key assumptions.
No, the government agency will be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal.
Will the proposal generate savings or offsets? If so, please quantify any savings or offsets.
No, maintenance will be offset by the Asset Renewal Program.
Has the proposal been previously costed by an external (third) party? If so, 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?
This proposal will improve existing local playgrounds, skateparks and outdoor fitness parks. These are popular destinations for Canberrans and receive a high frequency of use. This program will be particularly beneficial in many of the ACT's older suburbs. Small scale construction is likely to be more labour intensive than heavy construction (landscaping for example). Direct employment in construction and established supply chains also means many more indirect jobs.
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?
From 1 July 2025
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.
The fund will commence from 1 July 2025 to enable compliance checks and maintenance to occur.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
Any upgrades that can be completed with the funding provided will be completed by 30 June 2029.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No.