

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Protecting our unique environment - Weed management
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr MLA 
Date of request:	11 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	A re-elected ACT Labor Government will increase funding provided for weed management to better tackle invasive species such as St Johns Wort to reduce their damaging impact on our environment.
Issue the proposal will address:	This will help tackle invasive species.
Proposal's public announcement details (media release or policy statement published on a party website) ¹ :	https://www.actlabor.org.au/media/342plfst/act-labor-policy-position-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.

- An additional \$500,000 per annum for weed management materials and trials
- This is an increase in funding for existing management programs to be administered within current staffing provisions

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)?

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue ^(a)					
Expenses ^(a)	0	-500	-500	-500	-1,500
Capital ^(a)					
Depreciation ^(a)					
Offset - Expenses ^(a)					
Offset - Capital ^(a)					

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

Full-time equivalent employees					
(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					
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 and TCCS will work collaboratively in administering the additional funding across urban and non-urban environments.					
How will the proposal be administered?					
Proposal will be administered consistent with the existing structure for weed management. This is additional funding for an existing program.					
Is the proposal part of a broader package? If so, please identify the other elements of the package.					
No					
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. This funding for existing management programs to be administered within current staffing provisions. Any additional resourcing required to deliver the program uplift is expected to be managed from within existing resources.					
Will the proposal generate savings or offsets? If so, please quantify any savings or offsets.					
No					

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 will impact all Canberrans by protecting our native species.
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 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.
Program will be fully operational from commencement.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
Funding is provided through to 30 June 2028. The Government would review the funding level to determine any investment beyond 2027-28.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No