

## 2020 Election Commitment – ACT Greens

<b>Name of Commitment:</b>	<b>Listening Deeply to First Nations People</b>	<b>Reference Number:</b> GRN029
<b>Request Submitted by:</b>	Shane Rattenbury MLA, ACT Greens	
<b>Date Request Received:</b>	13-Oct-20	
<b>Additional Information Requested (details and date)</b>	Clarification was sought on whether ACT Government would retain ownership of the proposed new accommodation building at Gugan Gulwan (14-10-2020). Clarification was sought on whether new staff at Yerrabi Yurwang would be directly employed by the ACT Government (15-Oct-2020).	
<b>Additional Information Received (details and date)</b>	Advice was provided that the proposed facility would be owned by the ACT Government and leased to Gugan Gulwan (14-Oct-2020). Further advice was provided that Yerrabi Yurwang staff would be employed by the organisation, and that funds for staff expenses would be transferred directly to Yerrabi Yurwang. (15-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	0.0
Expenses <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	-838.1	-3,128.5	-3,363.2	-3,428.2	-10,758.1
- Employee Expenses	-838.1	-2,118.7	-2,538.3	-2,587.6	-8,082.7
- Other Expenses	0.0	-849.8	-662.4	-675.4	-2,187.6
- Cost of Financing	0.0	-160.0	-162.6	-165.2	-487.7
Depreciation	0.0	0.0	-250.0	-250.0	-500.0
<b>Net Operating Balance</b>	<b>-838.1</b>	<b>-3,128.5</b>	<b>-3,613.2</b>	<b>-3,678.2</b>	<b>-11,258.1</b>
<b>Capital Requirement</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-10,000.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-10,000.0</b>
<b>Cash Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-838.1</b>	<b>-13,128.5</b>	<b>-3,363.2</b>	<b>-3,428.2</b>	<b>-20,758.1</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>
Treasury has costed this commitment based on:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A grants program for a fixed amount of \$200,000 in 2021-22 to establish a <b>Ngunnawal Language Centre at the Yarramundi Centre</b> which will act as a hub for the Dedicated Culture Program.</li> <li>• The standard salaries and on-costs for the relevant staffing levels for the <b>Dedicated Culture Program</b> to deliver additional First Nations language and culture program in schools and after-school programs.</li> <li>• The standard salaries and on-costs for the relevant staffing levels for <b>The First Nations Social Justice Commissioner and staff</b> to be established within the ACT Human Rights Commission.</li> <li>• The standard salaries and on-costs for the relevant staffing levels for <b>Strengthen care and protection and family support</b>, to support implementation of the recommendations of the <i>Our Booris, Our Way</i> Report.</li> <li>• <b>Ongoing and increased funding for Family Group Conferencing</b> is costed by applying updated indexation increases to the 2021-22 level of currently committed funding, which was agreed in the 2018-19 Budget. Staffing costs are from the standard salaries and on-costs for the relevant staffing levels.</li> <li>• A grants program for a fixed amount of \$1.988 million over three years for the <b>Yerrabi Yurwang child and family service expenses and support for office accommodation</b>. The project would need to be managed within this level of funding.</li> <li>• <b>Support for new accommodation at Gugan Gulwan</b> is funded for a fixed capital amount of \$10.0 million in 2021-22.</li> </ul>
<b>- Proposal Parameters:</b>
All staffing costs for 2020-21 are assumed to be 0.6 of a full year.

The depreciation rate for the **Gugan Gulwan accommodation** has been applied to a useful life of 40 years for the proposed facility. The costing assumes that the proposal will adopt the preferred option identified in the 2018-19 feasibility study, which involved building a new facility for a total cost of \$9.863 million at the existing site.

The costing assumes that administrative expenses will be met by the relevant Directorates.

The costing assumes the cost of finance is 1.6 per cent.

**Caveats or qualifications to the costing:**

It is assumed that the ongoing costs for the **Ngunnawal Language Centre** will be met from the management and teaching staff costs for the **Dedicated Culture Program**.

It is also assumed that the ongoing costs of the other proposals, with the exception of the **Gugan Gulwan accommodation**, will require ongoing funding beyond 2023-24.

The costing assumes that costs involved in the recruitment and appointment of these positions, along with any other resourcing required, would be absorbed by the CSD and JACS Directorates.

**Other Comments:**

The costing only includes the following components of the Greens' election announcement Listening Deeply to First Nations People: Support the community to establish a Ngunnawal Language Centre at the Yarramundi Cultural Centre with dedicated full time staff to work to revive the Ngunnawal language and develop a language program for the ACT primary school system; Fund and support dedicated culture and languages programs in schools and after-school programs including on Country learning; Establish an Office of First Nations Social Justice Commissioner within the Human Rights Commission; Ongoing and increased funding for family group conferencing; Strengthen the child protection system and family support programs; Support First Nations controlled community organisations to deliver services to the First Nations community; and Continue working with Gugan Gulwan Youth Corporation.

Treasury's costing differs from that submitted due to: the application of relevant worker's compensation rates; the inclusion of motor vehicle allowance and Fringe Benefits Tax allowance for the First Nations Social Justice Commissioner; and the capitalisation of the investment in Gugan Gulwan and the cost of financing.

**- Statistical Data Used:**

Treasury estimates.

ACT Remuneration Tribunal Determination for Full-Time Statutory Office Holders (number 4 of 2020).



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