

## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

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| Name of proposal:                                                                                                      | First Nations' End-of-Life Supports – Assistance for culturally important end-of-life needs                                                                                |
| Person requesting costing:                                                                                             | Andrew Barr MLA                                                                         |
| Date of request:                                                                                                       | 11 October 2024                                                                                                                                                            |
| Summary of proposal:                                                                                                   | <p>This proposal has two components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial support for families at end-of-life</li> <li>• Transport to Country</li> </ul> |
| Issue the proposal will address:                                                                                       | Provides culturally appropriate palliative and end-of-life care                                                                                                            |
| Proposal's public announcement details (media release or policy statement published on a party website) <sup>1</sup> : | <a href="https://andrewbarr.com.au">More support for end-of-life care (andrewbarr.com.au)</a>                                                                              |

### 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.

#### Financial support for families at end-of-life

It is proposed a fund will be established to provide financial support to First Nations people to undertake culturally important end-of-life rituals. This will include supporting primary family members can travel by car or bus to the ACT to be with their loved one and facilitate access to cultural comfort care items.

This funding would be \$500 for 80 individuals to support end-of-life needs, which equates to \$40,000 for 2025-26.

This fund would be indexed at CPI.

#### Transport to Country

It is proposed a fund is established to provide posthumous interstate transport when a First Nation's person dies in the ACT who wished to be transported to Country.

It is assumed the average cost per transport is \$5,000 to a surrounding regional NSW location, for an estimated 20 trips per year, equating to \$100,000 for 2025-26.

This fund would be indexed at CPI.

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

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| 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)?                                                                                                       |                |                |                |                |               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>2026-27</b> | <b>2027-28</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>\$'000</b>  | <b>\$'000</b>  | <b>\$'000</b>  | <b>\$'000</b>  | <b>\$'000</b> |
| <b>Revenue<sup>(a)</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0             |
| <b>Expenses<sup>(a)</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 0              | -140.0         | -143.5         | -147.1         | -430.6        |
| <b>Capital<sup>(a)</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0             |
| <b>Depreciation<sup>(a)</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0             |
| <b>Offset - Expenses<sup>(a)</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0             |
| <b>Offset - Capital<sup>(a)</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0             |
| <b>Full-time equivalent employees</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 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 amount                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                |                |                |                |               |
| 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?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                |                |                |                |               |
| This indexed at CPI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                |                |                |                |               |
| Who will administer the proposal?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                |                |                |                |               |
| ACT Health Directorate, Canberra Health Services and Community Services Directorate                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                |                |                |                |               |
| How will the proposal be administered?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                |                |                |                |               |
| ACT Health Directorate, Canberra Health Services and Community Services Directorate to support administration of this proposal to the community through existing mechanisms.                                                                                                            |                |                |                |                |               |
| 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?                                                                                                                                                                                       |                |                |                |                |               |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal?</li> <li>– If yes, please specify the key assumptions.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| No – ACTHD and CSD to absorb any additional administrative costs of implementation as part of business as usual processes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 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?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>2021 Census data shows that 9000 people identified as being Aboriginal and/or First Nations in the ACT.</p> <p>First Nations people need to be able to access and support cultural expectations following death, this is often known as Sorry business. Attending funerals, participating in traditional ceremonies, escorting First Nations people to return to Country and supporting family members with travel, accommodation and hospitality are essential. Cultural obligations may be for a length of time, including months at the end-of-life and this can be financially burdensome for families.</p> |
| 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| By 1 October 2025 to allow time for funding appropriation and setup in the 2025-26 financial year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| This will be an ongoing program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |