

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Working in genuine partnership with the ATSI community
Person requesting costing:	Andrew Barr MLA 
Date of request:	11 October 2024
Summary of proposal:	A re-elected ACT Labor Government will continue to work in genuine partnership with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to promote self-determination, implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart and close the gap. Among other aspects of the policy package, we will specifically: • Continue to implement the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019-2028 and the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, delivering the policies and services across government identified as being most important for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community (through separate Budget consideration processes). • Further support and strengthen the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body, in recognition of its critical role in promoting self-determination. • Work with the Elected Body to establish an interim management committee for Boomanulla Oval on the pathway to returning it to community control.
Issue the proposal will address:	ACT Labor stands in solidarity with the traditional owners of the ACT and all other members of the ACT's diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Following the Voice Referendum, we remain absolutely committed to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination, and understand it is only through self-determination that we will close the gap and achieve equitable life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans. Implementing the Uluru Statement from the Heart and Voice, Treaty and Truth in genuine partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is essential for true reconciliation.
Proposal's public announcement details (media release or policy statement)	act-labor-policy-position-statement-2024-7-october-2024.pdf (actlabor.org.au) pp 35-36.

published on a party website)¹:

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.

A re-elected Labor Government will hire an additional two FTE ongoing to support the current team in CSD to help deliver these specific components of the policy platform in partnership with the Elected Body and the ATSI community.

CSD will administer the team within its existing organisational structure.

The team will comprise 1 FTE SOGC and 1 FTE ASO 6 position ongoing for the forward estimates period, commencing from 1 July 2025.

This position has been costed as per the Average Salary Costing template with 3.07% workers compensation rate assumed.

Policy proposals developed in CSD to further specific deliverables will be subject to usual Budget consideration processes.

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)		-330.5	-340.0	-349.3	1,019.8
Capital ^(a)					
Depreciation ^(a)					
Offset - Expenses ^(a)					
Offset - Capital ^(a)					
Full-time equivalent employees		2	2	2	

(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?

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

The FTE for this function is capped as per the assumptions.
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?
The 2 FTE have been costed as per the Average Salary Costing template which includes relevant salary increases
Who will administer the proposal?
CSD
How will the proposal be administered?
CSD will be responsible for the management of these additional team members and provide oversight of the team's liaison with the Elected Body, traditional owners, elders and community members, as appropriate.
Is the proposal part of a broader package? If so, please identify the other elements of the package.
Yes – this is part of Labor's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander package, available at act-labor-policy-position-statement-2024-7-october-2024.pdf (actlabor.org.au) pp35-36. It is not reliant on other aspects of the package.
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.
An additional 1 FTE SOGC and 1 FTE ASO 6 will be allocated to strengthen the current hard-working team overseeing delivery of the Government's ATSI policy.
Wider oversight of this proposal would be absorbed by CSD as part of its policy and program delivery functions.
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?
The proposal will directly benefit the ACT and region resident ATSI community, by strengthening a Labor Government's commitment to deliver policies and programs affecting ATSI residents in true partnership with them.
Are there any transitional considerations associated with implementation of the proposal? If so, how will they be managed?
Suitable individuals will need to be recruited to the roles by July 2025 to strengthen the current team. ATSI applicants will be encouraged to apply.
What is the intended implementation date of the proposal?
The proposal will commence 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.
From 1 July 2025.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
The proposal will continue through the forward estimates.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
No