

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of policy proposal:	Engineers Panel (15 September 2016)
Person requesting costing:	Alistair Coe MLA, Shadow Treasurer
Date of request:	10 October 2016
Summary of proposal:	The Canberra Liberals will establish an Engineers Panel to consult with the Government on major infrastructure projects.
Issue the proposal will address:	The need for a coordinated response to high quality infrastructure investment.

What are the key assumptions that have been made in the proposal?

Note: The costing will 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.

Costing assumptions are:

- The Panel will consist of one Chair and four Members.
- Remuneration will be consistent with that of the Industry Panel with the Chair being remunerated \$1,545 per meeting and a Member \$880 per meeting (based on Remuneration Tribunal Determination 11 of 2014 and 6 of 2016).
- It is assumed that the Panel will meet 12 times a year.
- The Panel will be supported by a Secretariat which is 0.5 of an ASO3 with a worker's compensation rate of 0.7% (Environment and Planning Directorate core rate).
- The Chair of the panel will be appointed as the Chief Engineer,
- Costs have been rounded up to the nearest \$5,000.

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)?

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue^(a)					
Expenses^(a)	0	-110	-115	-115	-340
Capital					
Depreciation					

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses. The expenses row does not include depreciation costs.

Has any specific information or data been utilised in generating the proposal?

Remuneration Tribunal Determinations have been used in this costing.

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 (for example, does an education proposal add to or redirect NERA funding).

No.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

Funding for salaries has been indexed at 2.5% as per Treasury advice.

Who will administer the proposal?

The Environment and Planning Directorate.

How will the proposal be administered?

The Environment and Planning Directorate will be responsible for the Panel's Secretariat and will make recommendations regarding appointments to the Minister and Cabinet.

Is the proposal part of a broader package?

Yes. This proposal forms part of the Canberra Liberals overall planning 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.

Yes. Funding of a 0.5 ASO position has been provided in this proposal. Any additional implementation costs will be met from within existing resources.

Will the proposal generate savings or offsets?

No.

Has the proposal been previously costed by an external (third) party? 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?

Community impacts are expected to be positive as a result of improved infrastructure planning.

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 2017.

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?

1 July 2017.

Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?

This proposal is ongoing.

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

No.