

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Better Services - Playground Revitalisation Fund
Person requesting costing:	Alistair Coe MLA
Date of request:	14 October 2020
Summary of proposal:	The Canberra Liberals will create a \$25 million Playground Revitalisation Fund.
Issue the proposal will address:	The playground fund will be used to deliver much-needed maintenance and upgrades to existing playgrounds, and build new destination playgrounds.

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.

The Canberra Liberals want to make Canberra the best place to live, work and raise a family. We will create a \$25 million playground revitalisation fund to make playgrounds safe, well-maintained and enjoyable for families to use.

Improvements will include upgraded equipment, new shade sails, fencing, rubbish bins and seating. New tree plantings funded through this proposal as part of upgrades and new capital works projects will form part of the Canberra Liberals' One Million Trees commitment.

We will also build a new destination playground in each Canberra region, with a focus on larger, quality playgrounds that include facilities that everyone will enjoy such as BBQ areas, seating, more trees, shade and toilets.

Shovel-ready works will be prioritised as an economic stimulus measure to create jobs. Costings assume straight line depreciation based on a 20 year life. Cost of financing has been calculated at 1.6 per cent. Repair and maintenance expenses are costed at zero per cent of capital cost in the first year after construction, one per cent in the year after, and two percent ongoing thereafter.

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)?

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000

Revenue^(a)					
Expenses^(a)	-54.7	-165	-311.3	-527.8	-1,058.9
Capital	-3,420	-6,840	-6,840	-6,840	-23,940
Depreciation		-171	-513	-855.0	-1,539

(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?

This costing has been informed by previous playground maintenance contracts. Refreshments works for 31 playgrounds were undertaken as part of [Play Space Upgrades 2019/20 - Playground Refreshment Works](#), average spending per playground is \$25,931.

Contract for [Play Space Upgrades 2019/20. Shade Sails in 5 Playgrounds](#) provided five new shade sails at an average spending per playground of \$31,031.

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?

Contractors will be engaged to deliver some works.

Will funding/the cost require indexation?

No.

Who will administer the proposal?

The proposal will be administered by the Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate.

How will the proposal be administered?

The Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate will undertake relevant community consultation, hire new staff, undertake relevant planning and procurement, and expand maintenance programs.

Is the proposal part of a broader package?

This proposal forms part of the Canberra Liberals' Policy on Better Services.

Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal? – If yes, please specify the key assumptions.
<p>The Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate will absorb any additional administrative costs associated with this proposal.</p>
<p>Will the proposal generate savings or offsets?</p>
<p>N/A</p>
<p>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?</p>
<p>N/A</p>
<p>What are the community impacts associated with the proposal? Who and how many people will be affected?</p>
<p>Nearly one fifth of Canberra’s 500 playgrounds have been identified as requiring urgent attention. Neglected playgrounds will get upgraded equipment, new shade sails, fencing, rubbish bins and seating. These will improvements will deliver better local services for Canberrans.</p>
<p>Are there any transitional considerations associated with implementation of the proposal? If so, how will they be managed?</p>
<p>No.</p>
<p>What is the intended implementation date of the proposal?</p>
<p>As soon as practicable.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>Shovel ready maintenance works will be prioritised and completed as soon as practicable. Delivery of destination playgrounds will occur in later years to allow for community consultation and design works.</p>
<p>Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?</p>
<p>Works must be completed before 30 June 2024.</p>
<p>Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?</p>
<p>N/A</p>