

## Request for Costing an Election Commitment

<b>Name of proposal:</b>	Improve and protect parks - Provide Field Support Rangers for ParkCare
<b>Person requesting costing:</b>	Alistair Coe MLA
<b>Date of request:</b>	13 October 2020
<b>Summary of proposal:</b>	The Canberra Liberals will employ two Field Support Rangers for ParkCare (north and south Canberra) to support more than twenty volunteer run ParkCare groups in the ACT.
<b>Issue the proposal will address:</b>	Proposal will support ParkCare volunteers and further environmental projects and aims.

### 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.

ACT Government will hire two Park Rangers to provide support to ParkCare volunteers. Rangers will commence from 1 July 2021.

Salary is based on the Senior Park Ranger 3 classification (ASO 5). Workers compensation rate is assumed to be 4.3% for Parks, Conservation and Lands. Funding has been provided for the lease of two motor vehicles.

Additional resource support will also enable ParkCare groups to better participate in the One Million Trees initiative, where one million trees will be planted over the next decade.

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
<b>Revenue<sup>(a)</sup></b>					
<b>Expenses<sup>(a)</sup></b>	0.0	-270.8	-275.8	-281.2	-827.8
<b>Capital</b>					
<b>Depreciation</b>					

(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?
<p>Park Ranger salary has been based on <a href="#">Technical and Other Professional Enterprise Agreement 2018-2021</a>.</p> <p>On costs have been calculated using the 2020-21 to 2023-24 Average Salary Costing Template provided by ACT Treasury.</p>
Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?
N/A
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?
N/A
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
Yes. WPI for salary and salary on costs; CPI for vehicle lease and administrative on costs.
Who will administer the proposal?
The proposal will be administered by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.
How will the proposal be administered?
The proposal will be administered by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate who will be responsible for hiring the new Park Rangers and liaising with ParkCare.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
This proposal forms part of the Canberra Liberals Policy on Environment.
Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal?
<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>
The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate will absorb the administrative and planning costs associated with this proposal.

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?
N/A
What are the community impacts associated with the proposal? Who and how many people will be affected?
<p>The Park Rangers will provide support to more than twenty ParkCare groups in the ACT. This will enable ParkCare to increase their efforts to protect, enhance and interpret the natural and cultural values across ACT Reserves and National Parks.</p> <p>Additional resource support will also enable ParkCare groups to better participate in the One Million Trees initiative, where one million trees will be planted over the next decade.</p>
Are there any transitional considerations associated with implementation of the proposal? If so, how will they be managed?
N/A
What is the intended implementation date of the proposal?
Park Rangers will commence on 1 July 2021.
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.
Park Rangers will commence on 1 July 2021 and positions will be ongoing.
Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?
The proposal is ongoing.
Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?
N/A