


Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of election commitment:	<i>Revise Territory Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% on 1990 levels by 2020</i>					
Person and party requesting costing:	Meredith Hunter, ACT Greens Parliamentary Leader					
Date of public release of election commitment, including source:	19 September 2012, http://act.greens.org.au/sites/greens.org.au/files/Planning.pdf (page 2)					
Summary of election commitment:	Review of Territory Plan to support ACT's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2020 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060. The Territory Plan review will address Canberra's urban form issues to achieve the reduction goals.					
Intention of election commitment:	Amend the Territory Plan so that all future development in the ACT is consistent with the ACT's legislated targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2020 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060.					
Signature of person requesting costing:						
Date of request for costing:	9/10/12					
What are the key assumptions that have been made in the election commitment?						
<p>Note: that where the request to cost an election commitment differs from the public announcement, the costing will be on the basis of information provided in the costing request.</p> <p>Note: it will be up to the professional judgment of the Director-General as to whether these assumptions are adopted in the costing of the election commitment.</p>						
Where relevant, is the funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?						
The amount is capped at \$1 million over three years.						
Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the election commitment?						
No.						
Will funding/the cost require indexation?						
No, the funding is capped at \$1 million and is spread over three years to undertake consultation and prepare amendments to the Territory Plan.						
What are the estimated revenue and operating costs each year (if available) and what are the capital requirements for this election commitment and estimated costs each year (if available)?						
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue ^(a)						
Expenses ^(a)		-400	-400	-200		-1000
Capital						

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses.

What is the likely take up?

N/A

Any other assumptions?

- Whilst review the Territory Plan is within the ordinary business of the directorate given the scope of the task and the additional associated costs such as community consultation a fixed amount of additional funding is being provided to assist with the initiative.
- Weathering the Change (Action Plan 2) has identified that related work will be undertaken by the Government so at least some of the review of the Territory Plan might be done within existing Directorate resources (See p36).
- Answer to Question on Notice 2405 indicated that the cost of work on Territory Plan variation 306 was in the order of \$89,000:
- It is expected that the Territory Plan review would include comprehensive consultation and that most of this will occur in 2013-14 and 2014-15 with a report in 2015-16.

Administration of the election commitment

How will the election commitment be administered?

ESDD (ACTPLA) is the usual agency to prepare changes to the Territory Plan.

Who will administer the election commitment?

ESDD (ACTPLA).

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

- If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this election commitment?
- If yes, please specify the key assumptions.

Whilst it is expected that some of the additional burden can be absorbed within existing resources the additional funds allocated include provision for other expenses associated with the implementation of the commitment.

What is the intended implementation date of the election commitment?

Work would commence in 2013-14 and be concluded by 2015-16.

Are there transitional arrangements associated with election commitment implementation?

No.

Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?

No.

When is the election commitment expected to be fully operational?

Please provide further details i.e. start and end dates, level of commitment during each period etc?

It is expected that the variation to the Territory plan will be made in 2016 following completion of the work outlined.

Will the election commitment cease and if so when?

The work on the revision of the Territory Plan would be concluded in 2015-16