



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

## PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2019 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

<b>Name of proposal costed: Name of proposal costed: Supporting the Kokoda Track</b>	
<b>Costing Identifier:</b>	COA051
<b>Summary of costing:</b>	<p>The proposal would provide up to \$10 million over three years from 2019-20 for projects that would commemorate the bonds between Australia and Papua New Guinea (PNG) from the Second World War, particularly around the Kokoda Track.</p> <p>The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) would work with the PNG Government on projects that could include investing in the World War II/Kokoda collection at the PNG National Museum and Gallery; upgrading the national World War II memorial at Ela Beach; building a new interpretive centre at Owers' Corner; funding to support tourism related activities along the Kokoda Track; and helping non-government organisations to strengthen the quality of health and education services for communities along the Kokoda Track.</p>
<b>Ongoing or Terminating (including date)<sup>(a)</sup></b>	Terminating 30 June 2022
<b>Person making the request:</b>	Prime Minister
<b>Date costing request received:</b>	9 May 2019
<b>Date of public release of policy:</b>	24 April 2019
<b>Date costing completed:</b>	15 May 2019
<b>Additional information requested (including date):</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Additional information received (including date):</b>	Not applicable.

(a) Ongoing policies continue indefinitely (until a decision is made to cease or alter the program). Terminating measures end on a date set out in the initial policy and a further decision is required to continue the program beyond this date.

### Financial implications (outturn prices)<sup>(b)</sup>

Impact on	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	0.0	-2.0	-3.0	-5.0	0.0
Underlying Cash Balance (\$m)	0.0	-2.0	-3.0	-5.0	0.0

(b) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in cash terms.

**Where relevant, state that the proposal has been costed as a defined or specified amount.**

This proposal has been costed as a defined amount.

**Where relevant, include separate identification of revenue and expense components.**

Not applicable.

**Where appropriate, include a range for the costing or sensitivity analysis.**

Not applicable.

**Qualifications to the costing (including reasons for the costing not being comprehensive).**

Not applicable.

**Where relevant, explain effects of departmental expenses.**

Consistent with the costing request, the costing assumes that any operating or capital expenses would be absorbed by DVA and/or DFAT.

**Where relevant, explain the reason for any significant differences between the assumptions specified in a party costing request and those used in a Treasury or Finance costing.**

Not applicable.

**Other comments (including reasons for significant differences between the estimated impact on the fiscal and underlying cash balances).**

Not applicable.

**Where relevant, include an explanation of the medium term implications of the proposal<sup>(c)</sup>.**

Not applicable.

(c) Information on the medium term implications will be provided if the cost of the policy is expected to be significantly different beyond the forward estimates period.

## **Background information**

### **Costing methodology used.**

The costing assumes that this proposal would commence 1 July 2019 and:

- that departmental expenses would be absorbed by the department undertaking that activity; and
- the projects funded would be subject to agreement between the Australian and PNG Governments, local PNG landholders and non-government organisations.

### **Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate).**

Not applicable.