



Australian Government

Department of Finance

The Treasury

PUBLIC RELEASE OF 2016 ELECTION COMMITMENT COSTING

Name of proposal costed: The Coalition's plan to support your local parks and environment	
Costing Identifier:	COA 009
Summary of costing:	<p>This proposal would provide \$30.0 million over four years to 2019-20 for local parks and the environment, including expanding the <i>Solar Communities Programme</i> and supporting upgrades to cleaner outboard engines used by surf lifesaving clubs.</p> <p>The net impact of this proposal on the underlying cash balance is \$23.5 million, as \$6.5 million will be redirected from the <i>National Landcare Programme – emerging priorities</i> measure from the 2016-17 Budget.</p>
Person making the request:	Prime Minister
Date costing request received:	17/06/2016
Date of public release of policy:	24/05/2016
Date costing completed:	24/06/2016
Additional information requested (including date):	Not applicable
Additional information received (including date):	Not applicable

Financial implications (outturn prices)^{(a)(b)}

Impact on	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Underlying Cash Balance (\$m) *	-5.9	-5.9	-5.9	-5.9
Fiscal Balance (\$m)	-5.9	-5.9	-5.9	-5.9

(a) 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.

(b) The cost of this proposal is \$30.0 million, which is partially offset as \$6.5 million will be redirected from the *National Landcare Programme – emerging priorities* measure from the 2016-17 Budget.



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

The proposal includes:

- \$24.0 million for a new *Improving Your Local Parks and Environment Programme*. This will include:
 - \$21.5 million in grants to local councils, community groups, environment groups and others.
 - \$1.0 million in grants to organisations that build environmental awareness to reduce local littering and keep local environments healthy.
 - \$1.5 million to improve the Tamar River building on the *Coastal Rivers Recovery initiative* in the 2014-15 Budget (this component will be funded by a redirection from the *National Landcare Programme – emerging priorities* measure).
- \$5.0 million for an expanded *Solar Communities Programme*. This will deliver funding of up to \$15,000 to community groups for the installation of rooftop solar Photo Voltaic (PV), solar hot water, and small scale renewables on community owned or used buildings (this component will be funded by a redirection from the *National Landcare Programme – emerging priorities* measure).
- \$1.0 million to support upgrades to cleaner outboard engines used by surf lifesaving clubs. Grants will average around \$1000 per outboard engine.

Funding Profile	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Cost (\$m)	-7.5	-7.5	-7.5	-7.5

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).

The proposal did not include a funding profile over the four years to 2019-20. It has been assumed that capped funding of \$30.0 million is evenly distributed over the same period.

Where relevant, explain effects of departmental expenses.

As specified in the costing request, all departmental costs will be absorbed by the department, including Average Staffing Level (ASL).

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.



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

Not applicable.

Background information

Costing methodology used:

Not applicable.

Behavioural assumptions used (as appropriate).

Not applicable.

