

## APPENDIX C – PRO-FORMA REQUEST FOR COSTING AN ELECTION COMMITMENT<sup>1</sup>

Name of policy	The Coalition's Policy for Jobs and Growth in Regional Australia
Person requesting costing (Prime Minister/Leader of the Opposition/Leader of a minority party):	Prime Minister
Date of public release of policy:	26/06/2016
Date of request to cost the policy:	27/06/2016
Summary of policy (please attach copies of relevant policy documents):	<p>To support regional communities impacted by a downturn in mining, falling commodity prices and changes to manufacturing transition to take advantage of new opportunities for sustainable jobs and local investment.</p> <p>The Regional Jobs and Investment package focuses on three key areas, noting that the investment profile of each region will vary depending on the specific needs of the region. The needs and investment priorities for each region will be developed in consultation with regional communities and local experts, covering the following three areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Business innovation grants: to support local businesses expand or diversify their operations and invest in new technology, machinery and equipment.</li> <li>2. Local infrastructure investment: to support local communities upgrade existing local infrastructure or invest in new infrastructure.</li> <li>3. Skills and training programmes: to support workers impacted by structural change transition to new employment.</li> </ol> <p>Australian Government investment will be leveraged to generate additional third party investment.</p>
Intention of policy:	To support regional communities during structural change and transition and take advantage of new growth opportunities through local business investment and local infrastructure investment.
Certification that this, or a substantially similar costing request, has not been	This policy has not been submitted to the PBO.

<sup>1</sup> An electronic version of this pro-forma can be found at [www.electioncostings.gov.au/templates](http://www.electioncostings.gov.au/templates).

submitted to the Parliamentary Budget Office	
<p><b>Description of policy (please note that, where the request to cost a proposal differs from the announced policy, the costing will be on the basis of information provided in the costing request)</b></p> <p><b>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including:</b></p>	
<p>Is the policy part of a package?</p> <p>If yes, list and outline components and interactions with proposed or existing policies.</p>	No.
<p>Where relevant, is funding for the policy to be demand driven or a capped amount?</p>	Capped amount.
<p>Will third parties (for instance the States/Territories) have a role in funding or delivering the policy?</p> <p>If yes, is the Australian Government contribution capped, with additional costs to be met by third parties, or is another funding formula envisaged?</p>	This policy will be delivered in conjunction with the private sector.
<p>Are there associated savings, offsets or expenses?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details.</p>	No.
<p><b>Description of policy (please note that, where the request to cost a proposal differs from the announced policy, the costing will be on the basis of information provided in the costing request)</b></p> <p><b>What are the key assumptions that have been made in the policy including:</b></p> <p><b>(continued)</b></p>	
<p>Does the policy relate to a previous budget measure?</p> <p>If yes, which measure?</p>	No.
<p>If the proposal would change an existing measure, are savings expected from the departmental costs of implementing the programme? Will funding/cost require indexation?</p> <p>If yes, list factors used.</p>	N/A
<p>What are the estimated costs each year? Are these provided on a cash or fiscal basis?</p>	\$50 million per year over four years.
<p>What assumptions have been made in deriving the expected financial impact in the party costing (please provide information on the data sources used to develop the policy)?</p>	N/A

Has the policy been costed by a third party? If yes, can you provide a copy of this costing and its assumptions?	No.
What is the expected community impact of the policy? How many people will be affected by the policy? What is the likely take up? What is the basis for these impact assessments/assumptions?	The Australian Government will work with regional communities to identify the needs and investment priorities of each participating region.  The impact for each region will vary depending on the local investment priorities of the region.  For example, some regions may have a greater need for local infrastructure investment and others may have a greater need for local skills and training programmes to support workers impacted by structural change.
<b>NOTE:</b> it will be up to the professional judgment of the relevant Secretary as to whether these assumptions are adopted in a Treasury or Finance costing of the policy.	
<b>Administration of policy</b>	
Who will administer the policy (for example, Australian Government entity, the States, nongovernment organisation, etc)?	The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development in consultation with other relevant agencies.
Should departmental expenses associated with this policy be included in this costing? If no, will the Department be expected to absorb expenses associated with this policy? If yes, please specify the key assumptions, including whether departmental costs are expected with respect to programme management (by policy agencies) and additional transactions/processing (by service delivery agencies).	No, the department will be expected to absorb the cost of administering the policy.
Intended date of implementation.	From 1 September 2016.
Intended duration of policy.	To 30 June 2020.
Are there transitional arrangements associated with policy implementation?	No.
List major data sources utilised to develop policy (for example, ABS cat. no. 3201.0).	N/A.
Are there any other assumptions that need to be considered?	No.

