



## PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE

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**Referred by:** Australian Labor Party      **Proposal No:** C1278  
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**Proposal Title:** Stockton beach repair  
**Cluster:** Treasury

### General Government Sector Impacts

	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	4-year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets					-
Revenue					-
<b>Net Operating Balance:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Offsets					
<b>Net Capital Expenditure:</b>	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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### Total State Sector Impacts

<b>Net Lending/(Borrowing):</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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### Notes and costing assumptions:

The policy proposes to allocate \$21 million towards offshore dredging and initial mass sand replenishment at Stockton Beach. These activities are in response to risks to Stockton's coastline as outlined in the [2020 Stockton Coastal Management Program](#). It will be done in partnership with Newcastle City Council and Public Works (Department of Regional NSW), where Public Works will provide project management services and hold the required licenses and approvals.

The policy assumes that funding would come from existing funds within the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program, which the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) considers to be feasible. Thus, there is no impact on the budget.

Based on information received from the Office of Energy and Climate Change (OECC) and the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), the Program has a total budget of \$194 million over eight years to 2029-30. Of this budget, there are uncommitted funds of about \$42 million over the forward estimates and \$74 million beyond the forward estimates (*see Key Assumptions*). These numbers suggest that there is enough funding available for the grant, administration, approvals, and licenses required for the project.

## Notes and costing assumptions continued:

### Background

The NSW Government's Coastal and Estuary Grants Program provides technical and financial support to local government to help manage the coastal zone.

Grant offers are subject to state-wide priorities and availability of funds each financial year based on applications received during funding rounds.

### Key Assumptions

The table below shows the budget profile of the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program.

	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	4-year Total \$'000	2026-27 to 2029-30 \$'000	Total \$'000
Spent	2,466				2,466		2,466
Committed	21,092	25,374	10,057	5,986	62,509	1,409	63,918
Labour and operating costs	1,078	1,343	1,434	1,663	5,518	5,506	11,024
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>24,636</b>	<b>26,717</b>	<b>11,491</b>	<b>7,649</b>	<b>70,493</b>	<b>6,915</b>	<b>77,407</b>
Uncommitted - may be committed by March 2023		1,070	1,070	538	2,678		2,678
Uncommitted - budgeted for flood grants opening Feb 2023		2,000	4,000	4,000	10,000		10,000
Uncommitted	-	1,059	13,147	15,149	29,355	74,156	103,511
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>18,217</b>	<b>19,687</b>	<b>42,033</b>	<b>74,156</b>	<b>116,189</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,636</b>	<b>30,846</b>	<b>29,708</b>	<b>27,336</b>	<b>112,526</b>	<b>81,071</b>	<b>193,596</b>

- The budget includes funding from the Climate Change Fund.
- Committed funds are based on workplans submitted by grantees.
- Budget profile is based on DPE's forecast as of 30 Jan 2023 and is subject to change.
- Some of the uncommitted funds (\$2.7 million) are for coastal and estuary grants that may be committed by March 2023. Applications are still undergoing assessment.
- Some of the uncommitted funds (\$10 million) are for flood grant applications opening in March and closing in April.
- A funding round for coastal and estuary grants is called every year. In 2022-23, applications would open in August, where \$10 million would be allocated to potential grantees.