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Referred by: Australian Labor Party **Proposal No:** C1549
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Proposal Title: Labor's Biosecurity Package
Cluster: Regional NSW

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					-
Net Operating Balance:	-	-	-	-	-

Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Offsets					
Net Capital Expenditure:	-	-	-	-	-

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	-	-	-	-
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	-	-	-	-	-
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Notes and costing assumptions:

Policy description

This policy proposes to spend \$10 million to strengthen resilience of the agriculture industry, including:

- a 'good neighbours program' tackling weed and pest infestations on private land that borders government land
- establishing a new Independent Biosecurity Commission
- converting the Dairy and Fresh Food Advocate into a full-time independent statutory appointment
- converting the NSW Agriculture Commissioner into a full-time independent statutory appointment.

The policy is to be funded from the Regional Growth Fund.

Costing

The policy will have no Budget impact.

Notes and costing assumptions continued:

The direct cost of the policy is \$10 million over three years, with the following profile:

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total
Expenses (\$'000)	3,400	3,300	3,300	10,000

The Budget incorporates expected expenses drawn from the Regional Growth Fund. Some of these expenses have not yet been committed or allocated to particular projects. The current policy would result in the allocation of \$10 million of expenses from within these amounts.

Since these costs have already been budgeted, the policy has no Budget impact.

Assumptions:

- the policy commences from 1 July 2023.
- all program costs, including weed and pest related expenditures and institutional expenses, fall within the total of \$10 million.
- Necessary amendments to the instruments governing the Regional Growth Fund will be made to permit expenditures that relate to biosecurity.