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Referred by: Australian Labor Party **Proposal No:** C1629
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Proposal Title: Clean Waterways
Cluster: Cross-Cluster

General Government Sector Impacts

	2022-23 \$'000	2023-24 \$'000	2024-25 \$'000	2025-26 \$'000	4-year Total \$'000
Expenses (ex. depreciation)	900	2,900	900	900	5,600
Depreciation					-
Less: Offsets	200	200	200	200	800
Revenue					-
Net Operating Balance:	(700)	(2,700)	(700)	(700)	(4,800)

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

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	(700)	(2,700)	(700)	(700)	(4,800)
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Total State Sector Impacts

Net Lending/(Borrowing):	(700)	(2,700)	(700)	(700)	(4,800)
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Notes and costing assumptions:

The policy proposes to provide a capped grant of \$5.6 million over four years for works related to cleaning various waterways across NSW. The funding profile would start in 2022-23 through to 2025-26 and consist of the following:

- \$2 million in 2023-24 to open the swimming area at Callan Park – funded from Places to Swim Program
- \$800,000 over four years for Parramatta River Masterplan Coordination storm water compliance and education – funded through existing resources of Sydney Water
- \$1 million over four years for Parramatta Riverbank naturalisation and planning of priority corridors – funded from reprofiling the Environment Trust
- \$1 million over four years for Cooks River Catchment Management Strategy and development of a masterplan – funded from reprofiling the Environment Trust
- \$800,000 over four years for Streamwatch and Waterwatch Citizen Science – funded from reprofiling the Environment Trust

Notes and costing assumptions continued:

The grant would be administered by the Department of Primary Industries for the duration of the policy.

The policy assumes the proposed grant of \$5.6 million can be funded through a combination of Places to Swim Program, existing resources of Sydney Water alongside reprofiling any funds within the Environment Trust. DPE have advised that the Places to Swim Program alongside Environment Trust fund is currently either fully allocated, contractually committed, or would have this status by 30 June 2023.

The PBO estimates the \$800,000 over four years proposed for Parramatta River Masterplan Coordination Storm Water compliance and education can be funded under Sydney Water's existing resources and agency budget. However, other projects that is assumed to be funded either through the Places to Swim program of Environment Trust fund is estimated to have a budget impact of \$700,000 in 2022-23, \$2.7 million in 2023-24, \$700,00 in 2024-25 to 2025-26 with a total budget impact of \$4.8 million across the forward estimates.