



Policy costing

Redirected funding from the Environment Restoration Fund	
Party:	Australian Labor Party
Summary of proposal: The proposal would not proceed with the Environment Restoration Fund component of the 2019-20 Budget measure <i>Practical Environment Restoration</i> .	

Costing overview

This proposal would be expected to increase both the fiscal and underlying cash balances by \$100.0 million over the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period. This impact reflects decreases of \$90.4 million in administered expenses and \$9.6 million in departmental expenses. The proposal would not be expected to have an impact beyond the 2019-20 Budget forward estimates period as funding for the Environmental Restoration Fund terminates in 2022-23.

Table 1: Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	Total to 2022–23
Fiscal balance	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	100.0
Underlying cash balance	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	100.0

(a) A positive number represents an increase in the relevant budget balance; a negative number represents a decrease.

(b) Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Methodology

The financial implications of this proposal were estimated based on information and budget measure models provided by the Department of the Environment and Energy

All estimates were rounded to the nearest \$100,000.

Data sources

The Department of the Environment and Energy provided relevant budget measure costing models and related information.

Attachment A – Redirected funding from the Environment Restoration Fund – financial implications

Table A1: Redirected funding from the Environment Restoration Fund – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	Total to 2022–23
Expenses					
<i>Administered</i>	20.1	23.0	23.7	23.6	90.4
<i>Departmental</i>	4.9	2.0	10.3	1.4	9.6
Total – expenses	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	100.0

(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 negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

(b) Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding.