



Establish a Great Koala National Park in New South Wales	
Party:	Australian Greens
<p>Summary of proposal:</p> <p>The proposal would provide \$80 million in 2025-26 to establish the 315,000-hectare Great Koala National Park (GKNP) in New South Wales (NSW) as outlined in the Greens' <i>Great Koala Protected Area Bill 2021</i>.¹ The GKNP would permanently protect high-conservation value forests and critical koala habitat from native forest logging.</p> <p>Any departmental costs would be met from within the capped amount.</p> <p>The proposal would be non-ongoing and start from 1 July 2025.</p>	
<p>Additional information (based on further advice provided):</p> <p>The funding would also go towards providing any Commonwealth support procedurally required to meet these policy objectives, including any funding agreements made prior to this date, but including no additional funding commitments post this date, other than funding to meet Commonwealth requirements and/or obligations.</p>	

Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to decrease the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$80 million over the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period (see Table 1). This impact reflects an increase in administered and departmental expenses.

The proposal would not be expected to have an impact beyond the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period, other than for public debt interest (PDI) costs. A breakdown of the financial implications (including separate PDI tables) over the period to 2035-36 is provided at Attachment A.

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has not made any assessment as to whether the specified funding would be sufficient to meet the objectives of the proposal.

¹ [Great Koala Protected Area Bill 2021 | Parliament of New South Wales](#)

Table 1: Establish a Great Koala National Park in New South Wales – Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total to 2028-29
Fiscal balance	-80.0	-	-	-	-80.0
Underlying cash balance	-80.0	-	-	-	-80.0

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

(b) PDI impacts are not included in the totals.

- Indicates nil.

Key assumptions and methodology

The proposal is capped at a fixed amount in 2025-26 as specified in the proposal. The departmental expenses would cover the negotiation of arrangements with the NSW state government, identify any existing any funding agreements, and ensure agreement conditions are met and are included within the capped funding amount. Administered expenses are as specified in the proposal, less expected departmental expenses.

Financial implications were rounded consistent with the PBO's rounding rules.²

Data sources

Commonwealth of Australia (2025) *Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2025*, Commonwealth of Australia.

² <https://www.pbo.gov.au/for-parliamentarians/how-we-analyse/pbo-rounding-rules>

Attachment A – Establish a Great Koala National Park in New South Wales – Financial implications

Table A1: Establish a Great Koala National Park in New South Wales – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^(a)

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36	Total to 2028-29	Total to 2035-36
Expenses													
<i>Total – administered</i>	-79.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-79.5	-79.5
<i>Total – departmental</i>	-0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.5	-0.5
Total (excluding PDI)	-80.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-80.0	-80.0

(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.

- Indicates nil.

Table A2: Establish a Great Koala National Park in New South Wales – Memorandum item: Public Debt Interest (PDI) impacts – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36	Total to 2028-29	Total to 2035-36
<i>Fiscal balance</i>	-1.8	-3.6	-3.8	-3.9	-4.1	-4.3	-4.5	-4.7	-4.9	-5.1	-5.4	-13.1	-46.1
<i>Underlying cash balance</i>	-1.3	-3.2	-3.7	-3.9	-4.1	-4.3	-4.5	-4.7	-4.9	-5.1	-5.4	-12.1	-45.1

(a) As this table is presented as a memorandum item, these figures are not reflected in the totals above. This is consistent with the approach taken in the budget where the budget impact of most measures is presented excluding the impact on PDI. If the reader would like a complete picture of the total aggregate, then these figures would need to be added to the figures above. For further information on government borrowing and financing please refer to the PBO's online budget glossary.³

(b) 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.

³ [Online budget glossary – Parliamentary Budget Office \(pbo.gov.au\)](https://pbo.gov.au/online-budget-glossary)