

19/296 ACT PFAS Action Plan

Summary of Impacts

Formalising the ACT PFAS Action Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Intergovernmental Agreement on a National Framework for Responding to PFAS Contamination (February 2018) (IGA) and the PFAS National Environmental Management Plan (January 2018) (NEMP).

Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue – neutral, Green – positive.

Social

Justice and rights	<p>The PFAS Action Plan establishes actions and areas of responsibility to implement the IGA. This will result in a social benefit as the IGA establishes the following principles to be the focus of governments when responding to PFAS contamination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• precautionary action to minimise human exposure; and• Government should be transparent in communication with affected communities and each other.
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Economic

ACT Government Budget	<p>The funding for the PFAS Action plan will be sourced from EPSDD's existing operational budget.</p>
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Environmental

Contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The PFAS Action Plan establishes actions and areas of responsibility to implement the NEMP. The NEMP provides a consistent, practical, risk-based framework for the environmental regulation of PFAS-contaminated materials and sites around Australia.• The PFAS Action Plan includes actions that will inform part of a national database on PFAS in Australia with all jurisdiction progressing similar programs in accordance with the IGA and NEMP.
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