



Triple Bottom Line (TBL) Assessment Summary

The Triple Bottom Line Assessment is required to be published in accordance with Part 4, section 23 (1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2016

20/425 Interim Report on ACT Government Coordination and Response during the 2019-20 Bushfire Season and Emergencies Amendment Bill 2020

Summary of impacts: The operational reforms recommended by the Report will strengthen the ACT's emergency management framework and safeguard community safety.

- The legislative amendments to the *Emergencies Act 2004* will provide the Emergency Controller with certainty of powers during times of emergencies when there is significant danger to the health or safety of people or property in the ACT or the environment.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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Social		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Justice and Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submission improves community safety by strengthening emergency management arrangements in the Territory.
Neutral	Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no gender equality issues or impacts associated with this submission.
Positive	Health (Community and mental health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural disasters and other emergencies can lead to significant loss of life and a negative impact on mental health. A comprehensive emergency management framework will reduce the loss of life resulting from emergencies, as well as the social impact on communities, lessening negative mental health impacts.
Positive	Housing and Affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened emergency management arrangements will lessen the risk of natural disasters or other emergencies impacting the Territory's housing stock.
Neutral	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neither the Report recommendations nor legislative amendments in the Bill are expected to impact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
Positive	Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legislative amendments strengthen the human rights safeguards associated with the declaration of a state of alert or state of emergency, or the appointment of an emergency controller.

Economic		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Investment and Economic Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural disasters and other emergencies can significantly impact economic growth over the short, medium and long term. A coordinated emergency management response will help lessen negative financial impacts.
Neutral	ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submission has no impact on the ACT Government Budget.

Environmental		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A strengthened emergency management framework will directly support biodiversity and environmental values, noting it can apply to emergencies that present a significant danger to the environment of the ACT. Facilitation of better coordination, response and recovery will assist in reducing the potential environmental harms caused by emergencies.