18/783 Policy framework for the release and sale of land to not for profit community organisations (formerly direct sales) (refers to 18/784 Planning and Development (Community Concessional Leases) Amendment Bill 2019)

Summary of Impacts
• The proposal seeks agreement to a new policy framework for the release and sale of land to not for profit community organisations.
• The proposal will largely result in positive social, economic and environmental outcomes as a result of the policy emphasis whole of community benefits.

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

Social

Access to services	• Better utilisation of community land will lead to greater access to community services.
Access to social networks and community activities	• Greater access to community services facilities may also positively influence the development of individual and community social networks and contribute to broader community participation.

Economic

ACT Government Budget	• Financial impacts include the future funding of community needs assessments where required and associated off-site works on sites identified on the not for profit community land release schedule.
	• Budgetary and resourcing impacts are able to be forecast well ahead of time, rather than having to find money to facilitate the servicing of a site on an ad hoc basis (as under the direct sale policy).
Productivity and innovation	• Tender evaluation criteria Tenderers will be assessed on their intention to provide for multiple uses (for example, access for other community organisations, collocated or partnership arrangements for facilities in the form of a multi-purpose community hub etc.).
Competition	• Strengthened assessment criteria for tenderers offers a level playing field for all proponents, with the resulting decision being more rigorous, transparent and accountable.

Environmental

Environmental quality	• Assessment of whole of community benefits includes an assessment matrix for environmental and energy efficiency benefits beyond statutory requirements.