

**19/301 Health Act Amendment Bill 2019 – Policy Approval (relates to 19/302 Health Act Amendment Bill 2019)**

**Summary of Impacts**

Changes to Part 5 of the *Health Act 1993* to include the term ‘nurse practitioner’ would formalise the clinical governance requirement for the scope of practice of nurse practitioners (NPs) in the ACT to be reviewed and credentialed for clinical privileges by a Scope of Clinical Practice Committee.

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

**Social**

**Health and Wellbeing Services**

- The changes to the Part 5 of the *Health Act 1993* will ensure that the governance arrangements for NPs in the ACT are in accordance with other regulated health professionals that are the responsibility of employers.

**Economic**

**Productivity**

- The changes to the governance arrangements for NPs, including current solution to amend the *Health Act 1993* and the previous repeal of redundant legislation, will reduce the administrative burden on government due to the removal of the duplication of regulatory responsibilities.
- The existing ACT Health governance arrangements create a disincentive for the flexible integration of NP workforce in the public and private, health and aged care sectors.

**Environmental**

Nil impact.