



## 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*

### 20/321 Government Response to Select Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic Response Interim Report 1

#### Summary of impacts:

The initiatives the ACT Government is undertaking as part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which are identified in the Government's response, are having, or will have, a positive impact on health outcomes, housing and homelessness, making Canberra more inclusive and supporting investment and economic growth.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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Social		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Neutral	Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The existing measures identified in the Government's response are gender neutral and are not designed to support the specific needs of any particular gender cohort.</li></ul>
Positive	Health (Community and mental health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The response refers to the ACT Government's COVID-19 Easing of Restrictions Roadmap. It identifies that in order to safeguard Canberrans' health, movement between each stage will consider the current situation and a risk assessment for the ACT.</li><li>The response also outlines the ACT Government's COVID-19 Dine-in Checklist for Restaurants, Bars and Clubs looking to reactivate dining-in services. This Checklist provides guidance on best practice with regard to physical distancing, cleaning and other matters to all food businesses in the ACT. Businesses will also be encouraged to include appropriate hygiene training for workers as part of the COVID-19 Safety Plans.</li></ul>
Positive	Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The response notes that ACT Government Ministers will continue to make representations through existing Commonwealth mechanisms to assist community service organisations to obtain COVID-19 funding.</li><li>It also points to \$1 million through the Rapid Response Stimulus Grants program allocated to support organisations adopt innovative and essential business</li></ul>

		<p>model changes that adapt their service in response to COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Participation Community Support and Infrastructure Grants also aim to support community organisations to deliver programs and services effectively and efficiently for the benefit of Canberrans under three categories: community support and capacity; non-fixed infrastructure and equipment; and minor capital works and fixed infrastructure</li> </ul>
Positive	Housing and Affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government's sets out that the Office of Rental Bonds will email all recorded tenants and landlords who have provided their email addresses with links to Government information on the supports available in the context of residential tenancies.</li> </ul>
Positive	Homelessness support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The response notes that the ACT Government allocated over \$770,000 in 2019-20 to two key services to provide specialised support to those sleeping rough.</li> </ul>
Positive	Access to social inclusion/participation and community activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government's 2019-20 Participation – Digital Grants are highlighted in the response. They support community organisations wishing to establish or enhance their capacity to effectively engage their communities and clients to participate fully in the life of Canberra through the use of digital technology.</li> </ul>
Positive	Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government response identifies that the health and wellbeing of community sector staff and clients is paramount and part of the of the ACT Government's Community Support Package is dedicated specifically to the supply of Personal protective Equipment (PPE).</li> </ul>

Economic		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Neutral	ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Government's response does not have a budget impact and does not seek Cabinet's agreement to provide appropriation and/or to reduce forecast revenue.</li> <li>Responses to recommendations that are noted or agreed in principle are contingent on future Government funding decisions.</li> </ul>
Positive	Investment and Economic Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The response identifies that the ACT Government's COVID-19 Easing of Restrictions Roadmap will provide security and assurances to businesses around the Government's thinking for reopening.</li> <li>The response also identifies the ACT's scalable framework for our local hospitality sector which forms part of step 2.1 of easing COVID-19 restrictions. The framework supports business by aligning maximum occupancy with the size and layout of venues.</li> <li>As part of the ACT Government's COVID-19 response, the Government also notes it will work with all sectors to ensure businesses can operate in a safe manner, as per the most up to date health advice.</li> </ul>

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