



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

20/290 Supporting children, young people and their families

Summary of impacts:

- The *Supporting children, young people and their families* package provides significant positive impacts to enhance the wellbeing of the most vulnerable children, young people, and their families.
- Additional capacity in the service system, especially for early support services, will assist families and young people manage additional stressors experienced as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health measures. This investment will help prevent families from escalating into crisis.
- Additional resources for carers will similarly provide much needed material assistance to manage the impacts of the health crisis, and of the changing needs as we shift from crisis to resilience and recovery.
- The proposed package will have positive social impacts and does not have environmental impacts. While in the short term the package will have a negative impact on the ACT budget, the package offers long term economic benefits to the Territory through reduced future demand on statutory and crisis services.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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Social		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The package will support women and their children, as well as young women, who are experiencing additional pressures and vulnerabilities.
Positive	Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed measures will enhance access to services for children, young people, and their families. It will provide more capacity for the youth sector to respond to new and emerging vulnerabilities, while also providing support to ensure the sector can adapt access pathways so they are designed to meet the needs of newly vulnerable young people and families.
Positive	Access to social inclusion/participation and community activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A component of the funding will support new approaches to creating social connectivity, especially for structurally marginalised cohorts of young people.

Positive	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people are over-represented in out of home care. Support for kinship and foster carers aims to directly support the wellbeing of children in out of home care Sector capacity and support for priority cohorts recognises that additional support is needed for priority cohorts, including those who may be unable to access services free from discrimination, or where culturally appropriate responses are not available through mainstream service.
Positive	Multicultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sector capacity and support for priority cohorts recognises that additional support is needed for priority cohorts, including those who may be unable to access services free from discrimination, or where culturally appropriate responses are not available through mainstream service.
Positive	Impacts on different age groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The package recognises the disproportionate impact on young people, and the additional stressors on children, young people, and their families, as a consequence of the pandemic responses. These impacts are likely to be of medium – long term duration. Without targeted investment to ensure children, young people, and their families can access the support they need, these impacts will escalate, as will the projected ‘demand peak’ on human services. In the long-term, this will place demand pressure on more expensive tertiary services, and lead to a sustained decrease in the social and economic wellbeing of children and young people.

Economic		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Neutral	ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in the short term the package will have a negative impact on the ACT budget, the package offers long term economic benefits to the Territory through reduced future demand on statutory and crisis services. The cost of not acting to support children, youth and families impacted by COVID-19 may outweigh the short-term investment provided through this package.

Environmental	Nil
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