



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

20/382 - ACT Government Response on the Report on Inquiry into Maternity Services in the ACT

Summary of impacts:

- The ACT Government’s response to the Report will be of benefit to those accessing and utilising public maternity services in the ACT, and demonstrates the ACT Government’s commitment to delivering a public maternity system that is women and baby centred and supported by a strong and collaborative workforce.
- Moving forward, the budgetary impact of implementing the recommendations of the Report will need to be determined.
- There will need to be a collaborative approach across ACT Government Directorates in addressing the recommendations in the Report.

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 Government’s response to Maternity Services in the ACT targets predominately females who are giving birth in the ACT. • The Government response positively impacts females by working to address and improve ACT maternity services.
Positive	Health (Community and mental health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government’s response aims to benefit those accessing and utilising public maternity services in the ACT by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ being committed to delivering a public maternity system in the ACT that is woman- and baby-centred care and supported by a strong and collaborative workforce; and ○ strengthening the capacity of the ACT health system to meet the needs and demands of those accessing maternity services in the ACT now and into the future.
Positive	Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government’s response aims to improve the understanding, within the community and across the healthcare sector, of the pre and postnatal services available within the ACT. • The implementation of the Government’s response will improve health service delivery in the ACT to

		adequately respond to the recommendations outlined in the Report.
Positive	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government's response demonstrates that work will be undertaken to address the recommendations to ensure culturally appropriate maternity care for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people or those pregnant with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child is incorporated into to current and future planning processes.
Positive	Multicultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government's response demonstrates that work will be undertaken to address the recommendations to ensure culturally appropriate care, including the use of translators, is provided and incorporated into current and future planning processes.
Positive	Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The implementation of the Government's response will improve health service delivery in the ACT by ensuring that the planning, design and delivery of maternity services and models of care supports the delivery of care, especially face-to-face delivery, in places and in ways that are accessible to people with a range of disabilities (Recommendation 44).

Economic		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Neutral	ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government's response demonstrates that a plan is in place to further explore a number of the recommendations. Funding identified as part of this additional work will need to be considered through future budget processes.

Economic	Nil
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