



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

20-475 NDIS Update and Government Submission to Joint Standing Committee on NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission

Summary of impacts:

The Joint Standing Committee into the Implementation, performance and governance of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will inquire and report on the operation of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (the Commission) since it commenced operation on 1 July 2019. At that time a number of functions that the ACT Government had retained were transferred to the Commission; including regulatory oversight, complaints investigations and incident management.

The submission formalises some of the ACT's concerns around unilateral decision making on the functioning's of the scheme and seeks to mirror sentiments from other States or Territories. It also includes broad feedback from several ACT stakeholders reflecting individual experiences with the Commission. The impact sought is an improvement in communication with the Commission for participants and those who make referrals and the resources for the Commission to respond in a timely and transparent way.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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Social		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Gender Equality	The submission seeks to support a consistent approach to quality supports and safeguarding for NDIS participants. This will safeguard and support vulnerable people with disability from all cultural groups, age ranges, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and genders. Improving the effectiveness of the how the NDIS operates in the ACT will ultimately improve individual choice and control and self-determination.
Positive	Health (Community and mental health)	The submission seeks to support a consistent approach to quality supports and safeguarding for NDIS participants, including those receiving psychosocial support.
Positive	Access to services	Supporting a consistent approach to supports and services, enhances participant access to a system that promotes choice, control and dignity. The submission suggests that improved consultation between the Commission and the ACT would allow sight of actions that potentially may impact service delivery for NDIS participants in the ACT.
Positive	Access to social inclusion/participation and community activities	The submission raises concerns that the Information Linkages and Capacity Building component of the NDIS is not building and developing safeguarding mechanisms as promised; including investment to sustain and strengthen informal support and promote social and economic

		inclusion and meaningful participation of people with disability.
Positive	Human rights	The submission expresses the view that the Commission is not a connected part of safeguarding in the ACT. It includes concerns that mechanisms that are fundamental to safeguarding people with disability are not being developed. These mechanisms serve to protect people with disability from harm or exploitation through a combination of visibility in, and inclusion by, society, formal oversight and information safeguarding.
Positive	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	The submission seeks to support a consistent approach to quality supports and safeguarding for NDIS participants. This will safeguard and support vulnerable people with disability from all cultural groups, age ranges, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and genders. Improving the effectiveness of the how the NDIS operates in the ACT will ultimately improve individual choice and control and self-determination.
Positive	Multicultural	
Positive	Impacts on different age groups	
Positive	Disability	The submission seeks to support a consistent approach to quality supports and safeguarding for NDIS participants. As detailed throughout this document, a consistent approach to supports and services, enhances participant access to a system that promotes choice, control and dignity and supports social and economic inclusion and meaningful participation of people with disability.

Economic		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Neutral	ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cabinet Submission does not have a budget impact and does not seek Cabinet's agreement to provide appropriation and/or to reduce forecast revenue.

Environmental	Nil
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