

19/503 – Cemeteries and Crematoria Bill

Summary of impacts:

- The proposed Bill will have a positive social impact by improving access to services, in particular for religious and cultural groups and disadvantaged and vulnerable people.
- The proposed Bill will provide minimum standards for facilities that will create public confidence and avoid another case like the recent example of lost ashes.
- The proposed Bill will not impact competition.
- The proposed Bill will likely have a budget impact.

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"> • The Bill will not impact gender equality.
Positive	Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bill provides a framework that requires operators to consider community needs, including religious and cultural needs in operating a facility. • The Bill also requires operators to meet any reasonable request made on cultural or religious grounds.
Positive	Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to burial and cremation services that meet needs supports the human right to freedom of expression and belief. • The Bill would provide a framework to ensure religious and cultural needs are considered when planning and operating facilities, and that no reasonable request made on religious or cultural grounds can be refused.
Positive	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A key focus of the Bill is to meet community needs, in particular religious and cultural groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
Positive	Multicultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A key focus of the Bill is to meet community needs, in particular religious and cultural groups.

Economic		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Negative	ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed Bill would have some budget impacts associated with implementing and administering the provisions and undertaking an actuarial analysis to inform things like the percentage of licensee receipts to be paid into trust. • Funding requirements will be subject to future budget processes.

Neutral	Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed Bill will not have an impact on competition.• The provisions included that have an impact on businesses are not cost-prohibited for private businesses in the market, and would not act as a barrier to new businesses seeking to enter the market.
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Environmental	No environmental impacts
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