

19-392 Crimes (Disrupting Criminal Gangs) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Summary of Impacts

The Bill amends crimes legislation to strengthen the ACT's ability to target, disrupt and prosecute members of criminal organisations. In particular the Bill:

- introduces new tiered offences of serious affray;
- increases the penalties for offences of fighting and offensive behaviour to align those penalties with the new tiered offences of affray;
- allows a sentencing court to increase the penalty for offending where it finds either:
 - that a person committed the offence in connection with a criminal group; or
 - that a person who committed the offence is associated with a criminal group.
- provides a civil mechanism to exclude certain people from licenced premises; and
- strengthens the ability to prohibit people involved in organised crime from participating in regulated industries.

Key to impacts: Red – negative, blue – neutral and green - positive.

Social

Justice and rights

- The Bill limits rights under the *Human Rights Act 2004*. Legislative safeguards have been included in the Bill to address any limitation of human rights. The safeguards will ensure that the least restrictive means of meeting the objective of the Bill are employed.

Economic

ACT Government Budget

- Resource implications will need to be assessed for agencies responsible for implementation, as the structure of the provisions is settled.

Environmental

Nil impact.