



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

19/485 Response to Coronial recommendations from the Inquest into the Death of Lauren Maree Johnstone

Summary of impacts:

On 4 June 2019, ACT Chief Coroner Walker delivered their report in response to the *Inquest into the death of Lauren Maree Johnstone*. Chief Coroner Walker made eight recommendations that are applicable to the ACT Health Directorate (ACTHD). They can be grouped under the following headings:

- To expand the list of monitored medicines in the ACT
- To mandate use of the DAPIS Online Remote Access (DORA) real time prescription monitoring website by health practitioners
- That functionality be added to DORA to highlight where a patient demonstrates drug-seeking behaviour.

As the Chief Coroner's recommendations are related to matters of public safety, the ACT Government must table a response to those recommendation with the ACT Legislative Assembly. The ACT Government response will propose a policy position be taken that the ACT:

- expand the list of monitored medicines by June 2021, subject to stakeholder consultation with ACT healthcare providers and adoption of National Real-Time Prescription Monitoring;
- not mandate the use of DORA at this time due to limited system functionality and known challenges and barriers to practitioner uptake; and
- acknowledge that this functionality already exists in DORA.

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">• This policy proposal will not affect gender equality
Positive	Health (community and mental health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The outcome from this proposal will have a positive impact of community health.• Specifically in relation to the ACT Government's support of expanding the range of monitored medicines as it would deliver public health benefits by providing a more complete record to health practitioners of medicines a patient may be taking in DORA.
Neutral	Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The policy proposal is neutral with regard to human rights.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal is subject to the existing regulatory structure that applies to people found to have breached provisions of the <i>Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008</i> concerning the inappropriate or unlawful access, use or disclosure of health information. • The proposal that the ACT Government supports expanding the range of monitored medicines has already been examined by the ACT Human rights commission as part of the Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2017.
Neutral	Justice and crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The policy proposal is neutral with regard to justice and crime.

Economic

Nil impact.

Environmental

Nil impact.