

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

20/514 - Management of quarantine and future flights into the ACT

Summary of impacts:

- Social Impacts: The proposal improves access to the ACT for internationally-based travellers.
- Economic Impacts: An increase in arrivals and hotel quarantine services will positively impact employment demand. Those remaining in Canberra will contribute to gains in economic activity in the ACT.
- Environmental Impacts: The proposal does not pose a substantial threat of negative impacts on the environment.
- Risks/Sensitivities: There continues to be a manageable level of risk in accepting any
 international travellers, noting that Commonwealth agencies such as Australian Border Force
 (ABF) or the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have no control over screening
 procedures at international airports but do require international airlines to notify ABF of any
 passengers who are unwell on the flight on arrival at the Australian port. ACT Health
 Directorate conducts detailed health screening of all international passengers arriving at
 Canberra Airport.
- On balance, the Triple Bottom Line Assessment supports the proposal.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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Social				
Level of impact	Impact	Summary		
Neutral	Gender Equality	• This submission does not generate gender equality impacts, nor does it target a specific cohort or group.		
Neutral	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	 This submission does not specifically impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. 		
Positive	Multicultural	• Future international flights into the ACT will allow greater access to Canberra for residents living abroad, international students, and other travellers.		
Neutral	Justice and Crime	 International arrivals require specialised transport to designated hotel quarantine properties. Emergency services resources will be required to facilitate transport. 		

Economic				
Level of impact	Impact	Summary		
	Employment and labour force	• The reintroduction of international flights will require some staff to return to work (for example, airport, transport and customs workers).		
Positive		 Recently arrived international passengers are required to undergo hotel quarantine. The passengers will increase demand for employment to service guests during their quarantine period, and potentially afterwards for those remaining in the ACT. 		
Positive	Education	 International students will likely make up a component of those accessing flights to Canberra, allowing them to conduct their studies on-site. 		
Positive	Investment and Economic Growth	• Modest gains in economic activity could eventuate from an increased number of travellers entering the ACT.		

Environmental				
Level of impact	Impact	Summary		
Neutral	Biodiversity	 The proposal is not expected to impact the ecology of the region. International arrivals will be subject to standard Australian Customs and Border Protection Service checks. 		
	Environmental Quality	 If supported, the introduction of additional international flights into the ACT is expected to have a minimal, non-material impact on environmental quality from air pollution. 		
Negative		 Noise pollution could also rise with the introduction of additional flights, but flights would operate within the bounds of normal operation at the Canberra International Airport experienced before service reductions due to the impacts of COVID-19. 		

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