



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

18/629 – University of New South Wales Canberra City Campus proposal

Summary of Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The UNSW Canberra City Campus proposal seeks to establish a high quality, “group of 8” campus that builds on UNSW’s 50 year presence in Canberra. The UNSW Canberra City Campus will seek to deliver high quality and unique educational opportunities for international and postgraduate students. UNSW’s Canberra City Campus proposal aims to grow and diversify the ACT economy through increased student numbers, research investment and the creation of additional jobs over 25 years. To facilitate the project, UNSW is seeking support from Government. This submission will have a budget impact. It is estimated that the tertiary education and research sector contributed a total value add of \$3.3 billion and employment of 20,000 FTE jobs to the ACT in 2017, making up nine per cent of the ACT economy and growth of around 20 per cent since 2014.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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Social

Access to Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNSW’s proposal aims to expand Canberra’s tertiary education offerings with specialist academic staff. UNSW’s proposal will provide shared experiences with CIT students through joint collaborations such as clubs, societies and activities, common teaching/social spaces, and shared support services.
Affordable student housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A redevelopment of the site in line with UNSW’s proposal will result in affordable student accommodation for students of the site.

Economic

ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current sites in Reid and Parkes are owned by the ACT Government. The site value will depend on the final proposed use and development of the site, and on whether remediation or services upgrade is required before or after the land is offered for sale. This submission will have a budget impact.
Productivity and Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNSW’s proposal aims to establish a new Defence and Security Innovation Precinct to foster greater university, industry and government collaboration on defence research and innovation by creating a nexus for start-ups, entrepreneurs and major international anchor tenants to come together.

Investment and economic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNSW’s proposal aligns with the ACT Government’s efforts to diversify our economy and grow stronger local industries. • UNSW proposes to invest over \$140 million in the site during the first phase of development.
Skills and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNSW’s proposal aims to grow domestic student numbers for existing postgraduate and research programs beyond the current capacity of the ADFA campus. • Offering one of the lowest student to staff ratios in Australia: 1 academic for every 15 students. • UNSW’s proposal aims to provide state-of-the-art facilities that are purpose-built for the educational offering and promoting the use of innovative digital technologies in all aspects of teaching and learning.
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the 2016 Census, tertiary education directly employed approximately 8,200 people in the ACT as of 2016. This accounted for 3.6% of total employment in the ACT –the next highest proportion was 2.1% in Victoria. • UNSW’s proposal estimates this project would create additional jobs over the next 25 years.

Environmental

Environmental quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CIT Reid site contains known bonded asbestos. • Further site investigations are being undertaken to establish any additional contamination.
Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City Rail Remnants in the green space along Amaroo street are heritage listed. The trees and grass are not a part of the significance of the area and any pruning or removal will not require input from the Heritage Council.
Landscape changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNSW’s proposal outlines their approach to design if their proposal is successful including compliance with the National Capital Plan (NCP) precinct code relating to detailed design parameters including controls for the site governing building heights and setbacks.