



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

20/57 Mobile Phone Detection Cameras

Summary of impacts

- Addressing driver distraction is a key priority of the ACT Government.
- Addressing this fundamental road safety issue will have positive flow-on effects for the safety of all road users.
- Research shows that using a mobile phone while driving can be as risky as drink driving.

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 initiative applies to all drivers on ACT roads.
Positive	Health (Community and mental health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in road trauma. • Drivers who look at their mobile phones while driving are three times more likely to be involved in a crash. • In Australia, distraction has been found to be a factor in 16 per cent of crashes where a vehicle occupant was hospitalised for at least 24 hours (Beanland et al, 2013). • A study in Victoria estimated fatality and serious injury costs to the community for in-vehicle technology distraction over a five-year period is about \$1.2 billion (Fitzharris, Young and Bowman, 2012).
Neutral	Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of these cameras and the associated enforcement of mobile device offences engage rights under the <i>Human Rights Act 2004</i> (HRA). • The regulatory framework will be drafted to ensure that it is consistent with the HRA and that any limitation is proportionate and justifiable, noting the benefits to other road users and the wider community from addressing the issue of driver distraction. • Privacy and security safeguards will be built into the technology and the regulatory framework.

Neutral	Impacts on different age groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learner and provisional licence holders are subject to a total mobile device. • Learner and provisional licence holders have a demerit threshold of 4 demerit points. • Being caught for one mobile device offence can result in them having their licence suspended.
Neutral	Justice and Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal will introduce a new enforcement tool to address a significant road safety issue. Driver distraction is one of the fatal five causes of road trauma. • There may be an initial increase in workload for the courts from people contesting infringement notices issued on the basis on these cameras due to the technology being new. This is anticipated to be low as the cameras are in operation in NSW and will have been in operation for some time before being rolled out in the ACT.

Economic		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This technology is world-first technology introduced in NSW in 2019.

Environmental	Nil impact
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