



## 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*

### 20/243 Support for temporary visa holders in response to COVID-19

#### Summary of impacts:

COVID-19 has increased the vulnerability of several Canberrans.

All people who arrived in Australia as refugees and on permanent work and family visas are eligible to access Australian Government financial assistance. People living in Australia on a range of temporary visas are largely ineligible to access Australian Government financial assistance. This includes people on temporary work and family visas, international student visas and bridging visas, including asylum seekers.

Canberrans on temporary visas are predominantly employed on a casual basis. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our casual economy has collapsed, impacting the ability of Canberrans on temporary visas to meet their immediate housing and living costs.

This proposal provides financial assistance to ensure temporary visa holders can access urgently needed goods and services to meet their immediate living needs including housing, health, communication, utilities and food needs.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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Social		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Health (Community and mental health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This financial assistance will support Canberrans who have no other form of financial support for themselves and their families as a result of COVID-19 impacts and restrictions.</li> <li>The funding will reduce the level of anxiety currently being felt by vulnerable Canberrans on temporary visas trying to meet their immediate living costs.</li> <li>This will have a positive impact on the health and well-being of Canberrans and their families on temporary visa by reducing financial stress and connecting them to additional support services to meet their needs.</li> </ul>
Positive	Homelessness support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This financial assistance will support Canberrans who have no other form of financial support for themselves</li> </ul>

		<p>and their families as a result of COVID-19 impacts and restrictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The funding will enable vulnerable Canberrans on temporary visas meet their immediate living costs including rent. This will reduce the likelihood Canberrans and their families on temporary visa become homeless and needing to access crisis accommodation support from the ACT Government.</li> </ul>
Positive	Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to housing, health and food is a basic human right.</li> <li>This proposal provides financial assistance to Canberrans on temporary visas to enable them to access goods and services to meet their immediate living needs.</li> </ul>
Positive	Multicultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International students and Canberrans on temporary visas are from a culturally and linguistically diverse background.</li> <li>This proposal will directly support vulnerable multicultural Canberrans to ensure they can access the support they need to meet their immediate living costs.</li> </ul>

Economic		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 20 March 2020, the ACT Government announced a \$9 million Community Support Package to support non-government organisation partners to meet increased service demand for emergency relief across Canberra.</li> <li>The funding outlined in this proposal seeks to use a portion of this funding to support vulnerable Canberrans on temporary visas who are ineligible to access Australian Government financial assistance through Centrelink.</li> </ul>

<b>Environmental</b>	Nil impact
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