19/400 Human Rights Compatibility Statements for Significant Bills

Summary of Impacts

- This submission will support the ACT human rights dialogue by providing a clearer and more consistent explanatory statement with integrated human rights compatibility statement for significant government bills.
- This new statement will better articulate the considerations weighed up in determining a preferred
 policy response to a given problem and build community trust in the policy development and preintroduction scrutiny processes.

Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue – neutral, Green – positive

Social

Justice and rights

- The new proposed scrutiny process for significant bills will support the community to better understand how government works to balance individual human rights and freedoms with other public and community considerations.
- The new materials supporting significant bills will be clearer, more consistent and more transparent about how the Government develops sound policy responses that are consistent with the *Human Rights Act 2004*.
- Limitations on human rights will be better justified as required by section 28 of the Human Rights Act throughout the explanatory statement.

Economic

Nil impact.

Environmental

Nil impact.