



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

19/638 Building and Construction Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

Summary of impacts

The proposal:

- increases the range of dispute resolution options open to parties to a residential building dispute;
- has mainly positive social impacts for building owners affected by residential building disputes by enhancing access to justice;
- may have positive impacts on the cost of living, and consumption for certain building owners;
- may have positive effects on human rights, including access to justice;
- may have positive impacts for small businesses subject to a residential building dispute; and
- does not trade off economic, social and environmental outcomes.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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Social		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal is expected to enhance access to justice for disputing parties, particularly building owners and potentially small businesses.
Positive	Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal may have positive impacts on human rights by improving access to low-cost dispute resolution services. • The new processes do not remove legal privileges. Any impacts on human rights created by regulations made under the new dispute resolution provisions will be assessed against the framework under section 28 of the <i>Human Rights Act</i>.
Positive	Justice and Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal increases the range of dispute resolution options open to parties to a residential building dispute.

Economic

Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Small business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on the scope of disputes that may be referred under the new model, the proposal may have a positive impact on small businesses who also may have financial difficulties in defending or bringing a matter to a tribunal or court.
Positive	Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal is expected to lead to a change in the skills of the ACT workforce by increasing the number of skilled and qualified ADR practitioners in the ACT.
Positive	Cost of living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal may reduce the cost of living by increasing access to alternative dispute resolution and reducing cost of resolving disputes.

Environmental	Nil impact
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