



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

20/247 National Partnership on COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Responses

Summary of impacts:

COVID-19 has increased the vulnerability of many Canberrans.

While it has been critical for Australians to stay home to control the spread of COVID-19 and keep the community safe, for many women home is not a safe place to be.

Quarantine and self-isolation measures which are in place to restrict the spread of COVID-19 may contribute to isolating women and children in their homes with a perpetrator of violence. It is expected this situation will increase the risk of violence against women and their children. Other external stressors, such as health and economic concerns will compound this situation.

The National Partnership responds to increases in domestic, family and sexual violence as a result of COVID-19, and aims to strengthen the capacity of critical services to provide crisis support and accommodation for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence (DFV) and perpetrators of this violence.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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Social		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objective of the National Partnership is to ensure the safety of women and their children, experiencing, or at risk of experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Positive	Health (Community and mental health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Partnership and the Commonwealth stimulus investment will support Canberrans who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence during the COVID-19 pandemic. The investment will reduce the level of anxiety and safety risks of vulnerable Canberrans by increasing the capacity of frontline services to support them and meet their needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. This will have a positive impact on the health and well-being of these Canberrans and their families.

Positive	Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The investment increases the capacity of frontline services to meet increased demand and complexity in supporting Canberrans who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence during the COVID-19 pandemic. The investment assists clients stay connected to service providers by supporting services to implement new technology-based service delivery methods.
Positive	Housing and Homelessness support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Partnership aims to improve the supply of safer housing and emergency accommodation to people impacted by or using domestic and family violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Positive	Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to housing, health and safety is a basic human right. The investment increases the capacity of frontline services to support Canberrans who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence.
Positive	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Multicultural, Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Partnership and the Commonwealth stimulus investment increases the capacity of frontline services to meet the needs of population groups who may experience increased domestic and family violence vulnerability during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Positive	Justice and Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The investment increases the capacity of frontline services to continue to deliver and meet increasing demand for counselling and outreach services, crisis support and helplines, and men's behaviour change programs and other perpetrator interventions.

Economic		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Neutral	ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 20 April 2020, the ACT Government announced the complementary ACT stimulus package for COVID-19 support for Canberrans facing homelessness or domestic and family violence. The ACT stimulus package complements this Commonwealth investment under the National Partnership.

Environmental	Nil impact
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