



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

20/226: COVID-19 Emergency Response Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

Summary of impacts:

The impacts from the Bill are broad ranging but are substantively positive. Due to the public health risk caused by the COVID-19 emergency and the consequences of public health measures, the amendments in this Bill go towards improving social and economic outcomes and minimising risks that arise during this time.

Level of impact

Positive

Negative

Neutral

Social

Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Neutral	Gender Equality	The amendments in the Bill do not target or indirectly disproportionately impact people of a particular gender.
	Health (Community and mental health)	The amendments in the Bill broadly support health; both community and mental health, by ensuring that the Canberra community remains safe during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
	Access to services	Broadly, the amendments in the Bill support access to services as amendments are intended to ensure the ongoing delivery of key Government services to the Canberra community.
Neutral	Housing and Affordable housing	The amendments in the Bill do not target or indirectly disproportionately impact housing. Measures relating to the release of certain offenders under the COVID-19 Leave scheme will require that the offender has a suitable place to reside before such leave may be given.
Neutral	Homelessness support	The amendments in the Bill do not target or indirectly disproportionately impact this point.
	Access to social inclusion/participation and community activities	Measures in the Bill to allow for meetings and AGMs to be conducted other than in person under the <i>Associations Incorporation Act 1991</i> and the <i>Retirement Villages Act 2012</i> allow for greater access and participation in community activities. The COVID-19 Leave scheme will support certain offenders to be released early which will support their reintegration into the community to participate in community activities subject to relevant public health directions.

Neutral	Human rights	A human rights analysis has been undertaken in the Explanatory Statement to the Bill. Some amendments proposed for inclusion in the Bill engage and potentially limit human rights. Consideration has been given while drafting to the least human rights restrictive means of achieving the policy objective of each provision, including through the incorporation of appropriate safeguards. Additionally, as all measures are only intended to apply during a COVID-19 emergency, any restrictions on human rights will be time limited to the duration of any necessary restrictions to protect the health of the Canberra community.
Neutral	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	The amendments in the Bill do not target or indirectly disproportionately impact this point.
Neutral	Multicultural	The amendments in the Bill do not target or indirectly disproportionately impact this point.
	Impacts on different age groups	The measures in this Bill positively impact older people and younger people. Changes proposed to the <i>Human Rights Commission Act 2005</i> to give the Human Rights Commission a complaint handling power for matters relating to elder abuse, positively impacts older people. Similarly, amendments to the <i>Retirement Villages Act 2012</i> to remove the requirement that meetings must be conducted in person, will ensure good governance and legislative compliance without compromising the health and safety of retirement village residents. Changes to the <i>Education Act 2004</i> will also impact younger people – the amendments allow some flexibility for non-government school registrations and provides the Minister with a mechanism to make broad declarations to the operations of ACT Public Schools in the event of an emergency.
Neutral	Disability	The amendments in the Bill do not target or indirectly disproportionately impact this point.
Neutral	Justice and Crime	There are a number of measures in the Bill that impact on justice and crime. These amendments support the continued operations of the courts and ACT Corrective Services, and support measures to reduce the risk of the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 at the Alexander Maconochie Centre.

Economic	Nil impact
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Environmental	Nil impact
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