

## 19/581 Management of overdue library items

### Summary of impacts:

- Removal of fines will support wider library use across all of the community and especially those who are vulnerable or experiencing hardship.
- Removing fines has no impact on the ACT Government budget.
- It is anticipated that more people will join or re-join the library.

### Level of impact

Background fill colours: **Positive** = standard light green / **Negative** = standard red / **Neutral** = standard light blue

<b>Level of impact</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Neutral</b>
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<b>Social</b>		
<b>Level of impact</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>Neutral</b>	Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No impact on gender equality.</li> </ul>
<b>Positive</b>	Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will improve the community's access to ACT Libraries.</li> </ul>
<b>Positive</b>	Access to social inclusion/participation and community activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will encourage and improve access to libraries and social inclusion including for those who are vulnerable.</li> </ul>
<b>Positive</b>	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will be able to use library services without the fear of incurring a fine. If they have a fine already and have stopped using the library because of it, they can return and gain the educational, informational, literacy and social benefits of library use.</li> </ul>
<b>Positive</b>	Multicultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People from multicultural backgrounds will be able to use library services without the fear of incurring a fine. If they have a fine already and have stopped using the library because of it, they can return and gain the educational, informational, literacy and social benefits of library use.</li> </ul>
<b>Positive</b>	Impacts on different age groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While removing fines will assist all age groups the library is particularly keen to ensure that young children and their parents are able to access library resources. This supports literacy for life and the best possible outcomes for them throughout life.</li> </ul>
<b>Positive</b>	Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with a disability will be able to use library services without the fear of incurring a fine. If they have a fine already and have stopped using the library because of it, they can return and gain the educational, informational, literacy and social benefits of library use.</li> </ul>

<b>Economic</b>		
<b>Level of impact</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Neutral	ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>
Neutral	Productivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>
Positive	Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library resources support self education and therefore workforce skills. Increased use of library resources will support more Canberrans to gain new skills.</li> </ul>
Positive	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Libraries provide resources and programs to support life long learning and self education. Increased use of libraries will increase learning in the community.</li> </ul>
Positive	Cost of living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removing fines will reduce costs to the households in community.</li> </ul>

<b>Environmental</b> Nil impact.
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