



## 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*

### 19/665 Crimes (Offences Against Vulnerable People) Legislation Amendment Bill 2020

#### Summary of impacts:

In general, the Bill has a positive social impact, negative impact on the economy and no impact on the environment. While it was found that the Bill may impact the economy negatively, it is balanced by the need to protect vulnerable people from abuse they receive while in care.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
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Social		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Health (Community and mental health)	The Bill will have a positive impact on the health and mental health of the vulnerable community in Canberra, including those with a disability and the ageing population. The Bill recognises the most common types of abuse that happens against vulnerable people and protects vulnerable people by criminalising certain conduct that occurs against them. The Bill will bring to the attention of the community the significance of inclusion and equality in how vulnerable people are treated.
Positive	Access to services	The Bill will provide prevention and intervention of the mistreatment of vulnerable people in an institutionalised setting by identifying that the failure has occurred and punishing the conduct. The potential impact of the Bill will ensure that the service and care provided towards vulnerable people, particularly in an institution, is respectable and of a high quality.
Positive	Access to social inclusion/participation and community activities	The Bill will encourage the social inclusion of vulnerable people by acknowledging the significance of abuse of vulnerable people and older persons, and putting an expectation on the community that protection of these people is necessary.  The Bill will also promote social inclusion of vulnerable people with a multicultural background who are particularly isolated due to language and communication barriers.
Neutral	Human rights	The Bill will engage some human rights. A thorough human rights analysis is available in the Explanatory Statement to the Bill.

Positive	Multicultural	The Bill will promote social inclusion of vulnerable people with a multicultural background who are particularly isolated due to language and communication barriers by drawing attention to this issue and raising awareness that language and other barriers can contribute to isolation.
Positive	Impacts on different age groups	The Bill affects adults who have a disability and older persons who suffer from mental or physical illness. This will reinforce the significance of inclusion in our society and builds on the government commitment to ensure Canberra is an Age-Friendly city by protecting vulnerable people, including older persons, from forms of abuse.
Positive	Disability	The Bill offers additional legislative protection for people who have a disability, including older persons who have vulnerabilities that come with age, by protecting them from types of behaviour that occur most commonly towards them, such as abuse and failure to protect by an institution.
Positive	Justice and Crime	The Bill will draw attention to the significance of the issue of abuse against older persons and other vulnerable people. The Bill will ensure that the Canberra community is safe by promoting Canberra as an Age-Friendly city. The Bill will act as a deterrent to reduce rates of offences committed against our older or vulnerable populations.

<b>Economic</b>		
<b>Level of impact</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Negative	Employment and labour force	Stakeholders from the aged care sector have mentioned the potential of ceasing operations as a result of certain offences in the Bill. Stakeholders said that certain offences in the Bill are a high risk for the aged care industry, which can result in reduced feasibility of running the business.
Negative	Small business impact	Stakeholders from the aged care sector have mentioned the potential of ceasing operations as a result of certain offences in the Bill. Stakeholders said that certain offences in the Bill are a high risk for the aged care industry, which can result in reduced feasibility of running the business. The Bill may consequently impose additional regulation on businesses to ensure that the business complies with certain requirements to prevent committing the offences in the Bill.
Negative	Investment and Economic Growth	Based on stakeholder consultation with the aged care sector, it is possible that aged care providers will be discouraged from continuing operations in the ACT due to the significant risks of operation resulting from the Bill.

<b>Environmental</b>	Nil Impacts
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