

18/763 Road Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 – Policy Approval

Summary of impacts

- This Bill will make amendments to the ACT road transport legislation to improve the administration and enforcement of the legislation, by:
 - providing clarity around the requirement for doctors and nurses to take blood samples of people in hospital following an accident under the *Road Transport (Alcohol and Drugs) Act 1977*;
 - introducing an automatic disqualification period for drivers who repeatedly drive while suspended when the original reason for the suspension was non-payment of an infringement notice penalty, non-compliance with an infringement notice management plan, fine default or exceeding the applicable demerit point threshold (full licence holders only);
 - ensuring sanctions for non-payment of an infringement notice penalty or non-compliance with an infringement notice management plan apply to all road transport infringement notice offences;
 - extend the application of the offences of using an unregistered or uninsured vehicle to a responsible person who permits or allows an unregistered vehicle to be driven on a road or road-related area; and
 - making minor and technical amendments to the Territory's road transport legislation to improve the administration and enforcement of the legislation, address emerging technologies and reflect changes to Commonwealth laws.

Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue – neutral, Green – positive.

Social

Justice and rights

- The amendments seek to improve the administration and enforcement of the road transport legislation.
- The proposed amendments may engage human rights. The Bill will be drafted to ensure that it is consistent with the HRA and that limitation is proportionate and justifiable, noting the benefits to other road users and the wider community from improving the administration and enforcement of the road transport legislation.

Economic

Productivity

- The amendments will improve the administration and enforcement of the road transport legislation and increase digital service delivery.

Environmental

Energy

- The amendments are not expected to have an impact on the environment or climate change.