

19/355 Implementation Plan to support the National Plan to Respond to the Abuse of Older Australians 2019–23

Summary of impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Implementation Plan to support the National Plan to Respond to the Abuse of Older Australians 2019-2023 (the Implementation Plan) will allow for progress to be made towards the implementation of a national approach to address elder abuse.

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

Social

Community and individual health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Implementation Plan sets out the initiatives that all Australian governments agree to in addressing elder abuse. The development of the Implementation Plan allows for actual, clearly defined actions to be taken contemporaneously with all jurisdictions. This national approach to addressing elder abuse is expected to improve health and social outcomes for older people.
Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many initiatives stated in the Implementation Plan and future initiatives that will be added to the Plan will have improved access to various services as the means to address elder abuse.
Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initiatives in the Implementation Plan will increase safeguards of older people's human rights, including the right to equality, the right not to be subject to torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, and the right to privacy. These rights are recognised under the <i>Human Rights Act 2004 (ACT)</i>.
Impacts of different age groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the focus of the Implementation Plan on older people, the actual implementation will likely benefit older people, although individuals of other age groups might be indirectly benefitted.
Justice and crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening safeguards for vulnerable older adults is an identified area of the plan with the aim of preventing and strengthening response to the abuse against older people. Enhancing protections for older people who are subject to guardianship or enduring power of attorney arrangements will also further improve the responses and remedies available for affected parties.

Economic

ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initiatives currently included in the Implementation Plan will unlikely have a direct budget impact. The funding for all initiatives has already been allocated and set aside.
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Environmental

Nil impact.