



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

20/325: Government response to the ACT State of the Environment Report 2019

Summary of impacts: The submission seeks agreement to the Government Response to the **ACT State of the Environment Report 2019** Recommendations.

Social Impacts

The Government Response:

- summarises existing and planned programs, activities and incentives that support health and wellbeing outcomes
- shows Government commitment to increased collaboration and capability building with the Ngunnawal Traditional Custodians;

Economic Impacts

The Government Response:

- does not have a budget impact and does not seek Cabinet's agreement to provide appropriation and/or to reduce forecast revenue;
- demonstrates Government support for innovation and sustainable funding initiatives;

Environmental Impacts

The Government Response

- demonstrates Government commitment to environmental resilience, ecosystem heterogeneity and integrity, catchment health, and conservation of the biodiversity of the ACT;
- identifies opportunities and activities that promote a collaborative integrated approach to environmental management that draws on diverse expertise and community support, awareness and participation;
- identifies activities that will support a climate resilient city with community and landholders engaged in climate adaptation and mitigation.

Level of impact	Positive	Negative	Neutral
Social			
Level of impact	Impact	Summary	
Positive	Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed Government response is inclusive in regard to gender, ethnic diversity, age-related and cultural aspects of the ACT community. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response is to agree to recommendation 16 on exploring incentives around public and private transport, and active travel, including cycling for women and girls.
Positive	Health (Community and mental health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response is based on an approach of open government and open data with targeted mechanisms to enhance community awareness, participation and reward; all of which should benefit community wellbeing and health. Various responses refer to mechanisms to improve physical health outcomes, including through air quality monitoring, and improved knowledge and information availability on health impacts, water quality and climate change impact mitigation.
Positive	Access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response confirms that access to services will be enhanced through greater availability of information and program participation opportunities.
Positive	Access to social inclusion/participation and community activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response confirms that access to services will be enhanced through greater availability of information and program participation opportunities.
Positive	Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response will advance people's rights to freedom of expression through greater availability of information and program participation opportunities.
Positive	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response confirms the stronger role and collaborative opportunities for Traditional Custodians in management of Country and opportunities for Indigenous people through Indigenous heritage grants, Various initiatives are targeted towards increased collaboration and capability building with the Ngunnawal Traditional Custodians on environmental and cultural matters.

Economic		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Neutral	ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response does not have a budget impact and does not seek Cabinet's agreement to provide appropriation and/or to reduce forecast revenue.
Positive	Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response demonstrates ACT Government's support for local innovation and innovation uptake such as in the examples of the NatureMapr software platform, through energy storage and microgrid technologies, and active travel and public transport approaches.
Positive	Investment and Economic Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response confirms the ACT Government's commitment to exploring initiatives to

		facilitate and fund environmental objectives and investigating models for sustainable funding for improved environmental management in the ACT.
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Environmental		
Level of impact	Impact	Summary
Positive	Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response outlines existing regional and inter-jurisdictional collaborations, planning and management (e.g. fire management, invasive species management, biosecurity, Landcare, Park Care) that benefit the biodiversity of the ACT. Government actions such as listing of the “Loss of Mature Native Trees (including hollow-bearing trees) and a Lack of Recruitment” as a Key Threatening Process in the ACT and the ensuing threat abatement planning and on-ground management actions will have positive outcomes for ecosystem heterogeneity and integrity, and for the viability of hollow dependent species of fauna.
Positive	Environmental Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response demonstrates ACT Government’s program objectives of improving and monitoring air and water quality, and addressing particulate air pollution and the impacts of poor water quality.
Positive	Climate Change mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging with the community on the Social Cost of Carbon mechanism under consideration in the Climate Change Strategy will encourage the community in actions to reduce emissions, while engaging with farmers will assist through improvements in soil health and soil carbon. Various actions of the ACT Government aim to enhance active travel and public transport, and to transition to energy efficient heating.
Positive	Climate Change adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ACT Government is committed to a climate resilient territory, demonstrated through improved water efficiency measures, integrated water management planning, and strategic fire management planning.
Positive	Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Government response outlines existing regional and inter-jurisdictional collaborations, planning and management (including water efficiency measures, integrated water management planning, a review of the Water Sensitive Urban Design code, water quality monitoring programs) that benefit the catchment health and improved water quality of the ACT.
Positive	Urban Heat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ACT Government’s Living Infrastructure Plan: Cooling the City includes measures to address the urban heat island effect and improve outcomes for wellbeing, health, recreation and biodiversity.

Positive	Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed Government response outlines the ACT Government adoption of a circular economy in accordance with the National Waste Strategy and the ACT's new Wellbeing Framework.
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