

18/682 Disability Justice Strategy

Summary of Impacts
<p>People with disability are significantly over-represented as victims of crime, alleged perpetrators and in detention and community corrections environments. The Disability Justice Strategy will support the fundamental human right of access to justice for people with disability, which will improve the ACT justice system for everyone.</p>

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

Social

Justice and rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Disability Justice Strategy will positively impact on justice and rights. The strategy aims to achieve equal access to justice for people with disability. Improving the justice system for people with disability will have a broader positive impact on other people in contact with the justice system as the system will be more accessible generally.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are over-represented both among people with disability and those engaged with the justice system. The Disability Justice Strategy will help to address the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the justice system, and ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander victims of crime feel safer and more supported to report crime and have matters addressed appropriately.

Economic

ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Disability Justice Strategy itself is cost-neutral. Actions pursued under the strategy may have cost implications. The Strategy will also support and be supported by initiatives across Government that seek to improve the functioning of the justice system. In the longer term, more appropriate justice system responses to people with disability are likely to have an impact in reducing the call on high-cost responses such as detention.
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Environmental

Nil impact.