

**19/110 Government Response – ACT Auditor-General’s Report No 2/2019: Recognition and implementation of obligations under the Human Rights Act 2004**

<b>Summary of impacts</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On balance, this assessment supports the proposed Government Response.</li> <li>• The assessment indicates that implementing the proposed Government Response will enhance ACT public agencies’ compliance with the <i>Human Rights Act 2004</i>, particularly with respect to criminal justice and youth justice.</li> <li>• Although the implementation may involve some upfront cost, the cost is unlikely to be significant and will bring long-term benefits.</li> </ul>	

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

**Social**

<b>Justice and crime</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening human rights considerations in policies and procedures for Bimberi Youth Justice Centre and Community Corrections is likely to have a positive impact on decision-making affecting children and adults in the ACT justice system.</li> </ul>
<b>Human rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Auditor-General’s recommendations directly involve the strengthening of human rights culture and compliance with the <i>Human Rights Act 2004</i> by the Justice and Community Safety Directorate (JACS) and the Community Services Directorate (CSD).</li> <li>• Each of the recommendations will increase the likelihood of ACT public agencies giving proper considerations to human rights in making administrative decisions.</li> <li>• This in turn will further the creation of human rights culture within the ACT public sector.</li> </ul>
<b>Impacts on different age groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring that Bimberi youth workers have specific training in relation to human rights is likely to improve decision making and respect for the human rights of children and young people in Bimberi.</li> </ul>

**Economic**

<b>ACT Government Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be some upfront cost to both Justice and Community Safety Directorate and the Community Services Directorate in relation to the implementation of recommendations.</li> <li>• However, ensuring better compliance with the <i>Human Rights Act 2004</i> will potentially reduce litigation and the costs of associated dispute resolution for the Territory.</li> </ul>
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**Environmental**

Nil impact.