



## 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*

### 20/488 ACT COVID-19 Planning - Masks

#### Summary of impacts:

- Overall, this submission has a neutral impact.
- Social impacts are neutral. Should masks be recommended or mandated in the ACT, plans are in place to manage the impact on vulnerable groups and is considerate of individual needs. At this stage ACT residents can focus on the first three lines of defence, namely: physical distancing; hand hygiene; and staying home if you are unwell.
- Economically, this submission has a neutral impact, however, acknowledges the wider impact of COVID-19 on the ACT economy and the potential for tightening of restrictions and its impact on ACT businesses.

Level of  
impact

Positive

Negative

Neutral

#### Social

This submission has a neutral impact on social indicators. As the submission addresses the need for the use of masks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the ACT, it also considers the needs of vulnerable populations such as those with an underlying medical condition, the elderly, and people with disability. Particular workforces are also identified to provide additional support, such as healthcare workers.

The submission has no measured impact on other social indicators such as gender equality, access to services or justice and crime as the mask guidance covers the entire population of the ACT and makes accommodations for those with particular needs and those with a heightened risk of serious illness from COVID-19.

#### Economic

The recommended or mandated use of masks in the ACT, per this submission, is not likely to have a major economic impact and plans have been established for the supply of equipment to vulnerable groups. The spread of COVID-19 resulting in returning to tighter restrictions under *Canberra's Recovery Plan – Easing of Restrictions*, and the activation of the *Mask Guidance – Escalation Framework* would have implications for the economy in the ACT given the reduction in businesses able to operate.

#### Environmental

Nil impact.