**Directorate: Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development**

**18/106 - A Proposed Framework for an ACT Biosecurity Act: Consultation Papers**

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| **Summary of Impacts** |
| Biosecurity is the protection of the economy, environment and community from the negative impacts of pests, diseases, weeds and contaminants. A strong biosecurity system is fundamental to the wellbeing and prosperity of everyone in the ACT. The new ACT Biosecurity Act, regulations, instruments, policies and procedures will be developed in consultation with industry, community and government partners to ensure the development of a regulatory framework that will effectively respond to and manage biosecurity risks. |

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

**Social**

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| **Human Rights** | * The proposed amendments around penalties and offences may engage the *Human Rights Act 2004*. Early consultation with the Human Rights section of JACS will ensure issues around human rights are properly addressed and that any limitations are proportionate.
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**Economic**

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| **Productivity** | * Poor biosecurity could result in unwanted diseases and pests affecting primary industry productivity. Reducing red tape will help to drive economic growth, productivity and innovation and create positive environments.
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| **Investment** | * Modern effective biosecurity legislation is essential to ensure ACT primary producers have continued access to interstate and overseas markets. Industry and community stakeholders will be able to play a proactive role in developing and implementing solutions to effectively manage biosecurity risks.
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**Environmental**

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| **Environmental quality** | * Better biosecurity measures protect the environment from pests and diseases and protect human health.
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