**18/676: Government response to Domestic Animals (Dangerous Dogs) Amendment Bill (Private Members Bill) 2018**

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| **Summary of Impacts** |
| * The preferred option will result in no changes to the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* (the Act) to enable the Government to continue to achieve best-practice community safety and animal welfare outcomes. * Continue to build community confidence in the Government’s ability to manage and prioritise dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs and animal welfare. * Keep the ACT in line with best practice dog management. * Maintain the compliance and enforcement provisions in the Act to ensure dog owners and carers who breach the Act are held accountable without impacting on compliant dog owners and carers. * Uphold the human rights of dog owners through their right of appeal (right to a fair trial). |

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

**Social**

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| **Community and individual health/safety** | * Retain the ability for Domestic Animal Services (DAS) and the Registrar to uphold community safety as a priority over lower-risk cases. * Retain the ability for DAS and the Registrar to uphold animal welfare outcomes and focus on high risk cases. * Prevent a loss in community confidence in the Government’s ability to manage and prioritise dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs and animal welfare. * Ensure an outcomes-focused approach is taken, where proportionate action is taken compared to harm. * Ensure people can continue to enjoy an active lifestyle with pets as part of the community. |
| **Justice and rights** | * Appeal rights will be maintained by retaining existing laws on appealing to ACAT regarding a dangerous dog decision. This supports the human right to a fair trial. * The Bill threatens these appeal rights; maintaining them contributes to a transparent and robust process for dangerous dog decisions. |

**Economic**

Nil impact

**Environmental**

Nil impact