**18/378: Cemeteries and Crematoria Act Review**

|  |
| --- |
| **Summary of Impacts** |
| * This Cabinet Submission seeks agreement to review the *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003* including the release of an Information Paper and an eight week community engagement period. * This will have a positive impact on community and industry participation in Government decision making by allowing the community and key stakeholders to influence and co-design the policy position at a high level. |

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

**Social**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Community and individual health/safety** | * The review of the Act will be co-designed, at a high level, with the community and key stakeholders. This increases community participation in Government decision making. |
| **Justice and rights** | * As noted above, all members of the community and other stakeholders will be invited to participate in the community engagement process to have their say in the review of the Act. |

**Economic**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **ACT Government Budget** | * The release of an information paper and community engagement process will have nil impact on the ACT budget. A further Cabinet submission will be prepared once the engagement process has concluded, summarising consultation and bringing a policy position to Cabinet for consideration. |
| **Competition** | * Industry stakeholders will be directly invited to participate in the consultation process. |

**Environmental**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Environment and climate change** | * Cemeteries in the ACT traditionally take up a significant amount of land and require significant maintenance and removal of natural environments, for example, habitats for wildlife. The review aims to create a contemporary, sustainable and flexible model to ensure a diverse range of burial, cremation and similar services that will meet the needs of all Canberrans now and into the future. |