**18:347: Consumer Protection (Egg Labelling and Fuel Prices) Bill 2018 (refers to 18/348 Consumer Protection Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 – Agreement to introduce)**

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| **Summary of Impacts** |
| * The Consumer Protection (Egg Labelling and Fuel Prices) Bill 2018 (the Bill) makes amendments to the Eggs (Labelling and Sales) Act 2001 to align the definition of and labelling requirements for free range eggs with the Commonwealth Government’s Australian Consumer Standard (Free Range Egg Labelling) Information Standard 2018 while at the same time emphasising support for a maximum stocking density of 1500 hens per hectare for free range eggs. * The Bill also amends the Fair Trading (Fuel Prices) Act 1993 to ensure consumers are provided with accurate information about fuel prices by prohibiting the display of discounted prices on fuel price boards. |

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

**Social**

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| **Justice and rights** | * The Bill ensures that egg retailers in the ACT cannot be punished under ACT legislation for selling eggs that are labelled in accordance with Commonwealth regulation in the same area, by aligning the requirements under the two schemes. * The Bill supports consumer rights by ensuring that they are provided with accurate and current information on egg labels and fuel price boards to enable informed decision making. |

**Economic**

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| **ACT Government Budget** | * Nil impact. Enforcement relating to these changes will be aligned with existing enforcement activities undertaken by Access Canberra and will not have a budgetary impact. |
| **Productivity** | * The changes to the ACT’s egg labelling legislation indicating support for free range eggs with a lower stocking density may encourage small scale free range egg production in the ACT and surrounding region. |
| **Investment** | * The changes to the ACT’s egg labelling legislation indicating support for free range eggs with a lower stocking density may encourage investment in small scale free range egg production in the ACT and surrounding region. |
| **Competition** | * Alignment with Commonwealth legislation means that some egg producers with a higher stocking density who were previously unable to lawfully describe their eggs as free range in the ACT can now do so. This is balanced by changes to signage requirements indicating support for free range eggs produced by hens with a lower stocking density. The overall impact on competition in the ACT is likely to be neutral. The changes to fuel price legislation will level the field by ensuring that service stations cannot gain a competitive advantage by providing misleading price information. |

**Environmental**

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| **Energy** | * Nil. The proposed changes are unlikely to have a measurable impact on climate change. |