**18/380: Waste-to-Energy Policy**

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| **Summary of Impacts** |
| * This Cabinet Submission seeks agreement to commence community consultation on the development of a Waste to Energy Policy in the ACT through the release of an information paper and an eight week consultation 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.
* While Waste to Energy technologies do have the potential for environmental and health impacts, any future policy position on Waste to Energy will require further Cabinet consideration. This submission is only seeking agreement to a public consultation process and the release of an information paper.
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*Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue - neutral and Green - positive.*

**Social**

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| **Community and individual health/safety** | * A Waste to Energy policy will be co-designed with the community and key stakeholders. This increases community participation in Government decision making.
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| **Justice and rights** | * As noted above, all members of the community and other stakeholders will be invited to participate in the community consultation process to have their say in the development of a waste to energy policy for the ACT.
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**Economic**

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

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| **Environment and climate change** | * Waste to Energy technologies have the potential for both positive and negative environmental and climate change impacts. This will be considered in the policy development process. A further Cabinet submission will be prepared once the consultation process has concluded.
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