**18/014 - Minister’s Creative Council**

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| **Summary of Impacts** |
| * The Minister’s Creative Council (MCC) will ensure inclusion of a broad range of views directly from the community in ACT Government policy development. * It is anticipated that the MCC will contribute to new initiatives in the arts that will improve the wellbeing of participants and contribute to the liveability of the city. * The arts play a role in contributing to the ACT Economy. It is anticipated that the activities of the MCC will have a minimal measurable economic impact. |

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

**Social**

Measurability of the direct positive but minimal social impacts associated with the MCC may be unquantifiable, given their role as an advisory mechanism.

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| **Community and Individual Health** | * Engagement through the arts improves wellbeing for individuals and communities. Through enhancing the arts in the ACT, the MCC would encourage extrinsic benefits for those involved in arts activities. Establishment of the MCC will ensure community involvement in decision making and improve public perception of transparent governance. | |
| **Access to Services** | * The work of the MCC may focus on ideas for improving accessibility to the arts for the Canberra community. | |
| **Access to social networks and community activities** | * The MCC will enhance the activity of the arts sector and provide opportunities for its members to network within the ACT arts community. * Opportunities for inclusion in the arts promotes social connectivity. | |
| **Gender** | | * The MCC’s support for the arts may encourage further activity and engagement for marginalised individuals and communities. * For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the arts is an essential way of expressing and developing their unique cultures. Representation on the MCC by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will support Section 27(2) of the *Human Rights Act 2004* (ACT) asserting the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to maintain, control, protect and develop their cultural heritage. |
| **Indigenous and multicultural** | |
| **Impacts on different age groups** | |
| **Disability** | |
| **Disadvantaged and vulnerable** | |

**Economic**

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| **ACT Government Budget** | * There is no new impact to the ACT Government Budget, costs associated with the MCC will be absorbed in the current resourcing for artsACT. |
| **Productivity and Innovation** | * Promotion of Arts and Culture through the activities of the MCC may have small positive gains across the following areas:   + Direct engagement with the sector may lead to increased opportunities for artists as sole traders and small business,   + impact on the development of skills and education opportunities and   + increase innovative outcomes for the sector. * These outcomes would be difficult to measure directly against the output of the MCC, however implied in the support and progress for the Arts in Canberra. |
| **Income levels and distribution** |
| **Employment** |
| **Small Business Impact** |
| **Skills and Education** |

**Environmental**

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| **Visual Quality** | * Through support of the MCC to Visual arts activity and artists including public art enhance civic spaces and improve liveability. Since the work program of the MCC will be developed by the members in consultation with the Minister for the Arts and Community Events it is unclear whether the work undertaken will have significant impacts in this area. |