**Directorate: Community Services**

**17/688 Children and Young People Amendment Bill 2018**

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| **Summary of Impacts** |
| * Amendments to clarify the pathways available to undertake a care and protection appraisal are likely to have positive social impacts for children and young people who may be in need of care and protection.
* Amendments to enable Responsible Person delegations to be sub-delegated will allow for more timely, effective daily care services to children and young people on long term orders.
* Introduction of this legislation will not have environmental impacts.
* Amendments will allow important elements of the *A Step Up for Our Kids* Strategy to be realised.
* Amendments support the ACT Government’s Strategic Priority Social Inclusion - Community Safety and Support when it matters.
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*Key to impacts: Red - negative, Amber - neutral and Green - positive*

**Social**

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| **Protection of children and young people** | * The Bill will enhance the rights and protections of children and young people in the ACT as it will allow decisions to be made by a person closer to the child or young person and ensure their right to be safe from harm is upheld.
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| **Human rights** | * The proposed amendments regarding appraisals will likely engage human rights, including protection of the family and children (s 11) and privacy and reputation (s 12). The proposed amendments are guided by the objectives of the CYP Act, supporting the rights and protection of children and young people, particularly in circumstances of family violence.
* The Bill supports the right to protection of the family and children (s 11) under the *Human Rights Act 2004*. The rights of parents are reasonably limited to ensure the best interests of a child or young person are paramount. Acting in the best interests of children and young people is the overriding objective of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.
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| **Access to services** | * Facilitating sub-delegation of Responsible Person duties within approved organisations will provide greater clarity of the function of a Responsible Person to ensure effective operation of the role. The Bill will enhance the effectiveness and timeliness of services to children, young people and their families.
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**Economic**

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| **ACT Government Budget** | * Nil.
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| **Productivity** | * Nil.
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| **Investment** | * Nil.
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| **Competition** | * Nil.
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**Environmental**

Not applicable