**Directorate: Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development**

**18/155 - Independent Audit of the Gungahlin Strategic Assessment – Government Response**

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| **Summary of Impacts** |
| * The proposal provides a government response to the findings of the Independent Audit of the Gungahlin Strategic Assessment, undertaken by the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment in accordance with the *Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Act 1993*.
* The government response will result positive social, economic and environmental outcomes as it will ensure commitments under the strategic assessment are being met.
* There are no known implementation risks associated with the government response.
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*Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue – neutral and Green – positive.*

**Social**

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| **Access to social networks & community activities**  | * The proposed government response to the audit does not have any implications for access to social networks and community activities.
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| **Human rights** | * The proposed government response to the audit does not recommend any additional activities that would impact human rights.
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| **Indigenous and Multicultural** | * The Gungahlin strategic assessment relates to national protected matters. Indigenous policy matters were not considered in the audit as there were no national indigenous heritage matters in the Gungahlin strategic assessment area.
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**Economic**

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| **ACT Government Budget** | * This submission has no impact on the ACT Government budget.
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| **Productivity and innovation** | * The audit and government response provide an opportunity for the ACT Government to improve delivery of strategic assessments as this is the first independent audit of a strategic assessment nationally.
* The audit and government response highlight opportunities for improved performance and compliance, including highlighting opportunities to improve documentation and reporting.
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| **Investment and Economic Impacts** | * The implementation of Gungahlin strategic assessment commitments enables the ongoing delivery of the land release program. The audit and government response provide an opportunity to ensure commitments are implemented in a timely manner to facilitate urban development in Gungahlin.
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**Environmental**

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| **Biodiversity** | * The government response to the audit highlights future activities that will help to improved biodiversity outcomes for MNES.
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| **Heritage** | * Government response to the audit has no impacts on heritage.
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| **Environmental quality** | * Opportunity to improve the delivery of strategic assessment commitments which will result in improved outcomes for MNES.
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