**18/260 - Government Response to the 2016-17 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Hearings**

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| **Summary of Impacts** |
| * Consistent with legislative timeframes outlined in the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Act 2008*, the Government is required to respond to the Recommendations from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Hearing Report.
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*Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue - neutral and Green - Positive.*

**Social**

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| **Access to services** | * There is a positive impact in relation to access to services given the main focus areas of the proposed recommendations includes:
* Re-opening Boomunalla as a cultural and sporting facility;
* Better facilities for Gugan Gulwan and Winnunga Nimmityjah to improve access and delivery of services;
* Implementation of the Ngunnawal Bush Healing Farm; and
* Continuance of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Bus project to provide transport for individuals to access services as required.
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| **Indigenous and Multicultural** | * The implementation of the agreed recommendations contained in the *ACT Government Response to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body 2016-17 Hearings Report* has a direct positive impact on the quality of life of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT region.
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**Economic**

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| **ACT Government Budget** | * The ACT Government Budget 2018-19 has committed some new funding that directly responds to a number of the recommendations raised in *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body 2016-17 Hearings Report* including:
* Gugan Gulwan (Feasibility Study for new accommodation) - $150,000;
* Restoring Boomanulla Oval - $770,000; and
* Winnunga Nimmityjah (Infrastructure) - $11.3 million.
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| **Productivity and Innovation** | * *The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body 2016-17 Hearings Report* raises cross Directorate input to support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement Outcomes Framework Report. Currently OATSIA provides the co-ordination role. The Hearings Report identifies the need for all directorates to be active in the implementation of the Outcomes requirements to demonstrate effectiveness and achievement in line with the stated outcomes.
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| **Employment** | * The implementation of some of the agreed recommendations contained in the *ACT Government Response to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body 2016-17 Hearings Report* will have a positive impact on economic and employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans.
* Recommendations include a focus on job readiness, placements within ACT government, training and development and skills enhancement and specific focus on support for enhanced Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Natural Resource Management positions.
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**Environmental**

Nil Impact