# **Directorate: Transport Canberra and City Services**

**18/77 Domestic Animals Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 - Greyhound/Dangerous Dog Alignment - Combined Pass**

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| **Summary of Impacts** |
| * Improved community safety and animal welfare outcomes
* Increased community confidence in managing dogs, as well as animal welfare
* Bring the ACT in line with best practice for all dogs, including racing greyhounds
* Greater ability to undertake compliance and enforcement
* Impact on right to fair trial of those who breach the law
* Impacts have been considered in detail in the regulatory impact statement.
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*Key to impacts: Red – negative, Amber neutral and Green Positive.*

**Social**

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| **Community and individual health/safety** | * Improved community safety and animal welfare outcomes
* Increased community confidence in managing dogs and animal welfare matters for all dogs, including racing greyhounds.
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| **Income levels and distribution** | * Fines can be issued in some additional circumstances.
* This will be managed by allowing for penalties to be paid off over time to assist low income earners or in other mitigating circumstances.
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| **Human rights** | * The Amendments state/reframe a number of offences as strict liability, impacting on the right to a fair trial.
* The Amendments also give the Registrar the ability to refuse or cancel ownership of a racing greyhound, impacting on the right to ownership where an owner cannot demonstrate responsible dog management, care or control.
* Greyhound Racing Controller licence can be refused on public safety grounds.
* These are considered balanced against the right to safety of the community and animal welfare outcomes.
* Human Rights considered in more detail in the Regulatory Impact Statement.
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| **Justice and rights** | * Improve the ability of the Registrar and DAS to issue fines in relation to dangerous dogs and related offences and effectively administer justice.
* Impact on the right to a fair trial, as noted above.
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**Economic**

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| **ACT Government Budget** | * No budget impacts.
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**Environmental**

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| **Environment and climate change** | * No environmental or climate change impacts.
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