

18-593 - ACT Drug Strategy Action Plan 2018-2021: A Plan to Minimise Harms from Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use

Summary of Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ACT Drug Strategy Action Plan 2018-2021: A Plan to Minimise Harms from Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use (Action Plan) has a positive impact on justice and rights by tailoring initiatives to meet the needs of specific populations. • The Action Plan has a negative impact on the ACT Government Budget as it is expected that some actions will require future funding approval, but would be expected to have a positive long term impact in reducing health and economic costs of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. • The Action Plan has a positive impact on productivity, demonstrated by increased treatment and early intervention. • There is no impact to investment, competition or energy.

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

Social

Justice and rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Action Plan has a positive impact on human rights. It identifies a number of priority populations and notes the importance of ensuring alcohol, tobacco and other drug services provide equitable access and meet the needs of the community, including under-represented groups and people with complex needs. • Priority groups identified in the plan including people identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; culturally and linguistically diverse populations; and people with a disability. Tailored initiatives developed by working closely with affected groups are an important part of the Action Plan. • The Action Plan supports the right to health, and the right to Government protection from infringements to health by third parties.
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Economic

ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Action Plan includes actions which are currently funded as well as those actions which may require funding to be progressed. Business Cases will be prepared where appropriate during the course of the three years. • Spending on population preventive health interventions may have short term budget impacts but would be expected to reduce medium to longer term health spending. • Evidence has shown that alcohol, tobacco and other drug interventions can be highly cost effective.
Productivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Action Plan has a positive impact to productivity as increased treatment and prevention results in a healthier and more productive workforce.

Environmental

Nil impact