

## 18/498 - Fisheries Act 2000 – Consultation Report and Proposed Amendments

| Summary of Impacts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The proposal seeks to facilitate the sustainability of recreational fishing for future and present generations.</li><li>• The proposal will largely result in positive social, economic and environmental outcomes through supporting the rights of Aboriginal people and other minorities as described in the Human Rights Act 2004, providing for cultural fishing practises, sustainable recreational fishery, sustainable management of aquatic species and habitats.</li><li>• There are no known implementation risks associated with this proposal.</li></ul> |

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

### Social

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| <b>Community and Individual health</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public consultation during the review of the Fisheries Act showed that recreational fishing is a widely enjoyed activity for Canberrans. Proposed amendments to the Act serve to maintain a sustainable recreational fishery for future generations.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Human rights</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed amendments to the Fisheries Act aim to ensure that the Act adheres to the principles of the ACT <i>Human Rights Act 2004</i> (Human Rights Act) (s 27) in providing for the Cultural and other rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other minorities, including the right to maintain cultural heritage and distinctive spiritual practices and through the recognition of material and economic relationships with land and water and other resources.</li></ul> |
| <b>Indigenous and Multicultural</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed amendments include provision for cultural access to resources for Aboriginal people and the ability to support other types of cultural practices, such as Karma release of fish, in a managed and sustainable way.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

### Economic

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| <b>ACT Government Budget</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The review of the Fisheries Act identified key issues that may require additional resources. Any additional costs would be brought forward in the budget context. The proposed legislative amendments are not dependent upon those resources being provided. Therefore, the proposed amendments do not have a budget impact.</li></ul> |
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### Environmental

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| <b>Biodiversity</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The proposal enables the Fisheries Act to protect aquatic biodiversity in the region through sustainable management of the recreational fishery and through providing for management of important habitat for fish, including maintenance of fish passage and the ongoing management of invasive aquatic species.</li></ul> |
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