

18/351 Direct Sale of Land to Canberra Hindu Mandir Incorporated (CHMI)

Summary of Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposal seeks a direct sale of land to CHMI at a concessional rate that will enable a Hindu place of worship to be built in the Gungahlin district. The Hindu temple will serve the needs of the Hindu community and other members of the community wishing to participate in or utilise the services offered by CHMI.• The proposal will largely result in positive social and multicultural outcomes.

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

Social

Access to social networks & community activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The direct sale of land to CHMI will enable the association to construct a permanent place of worship for religious and cultural activities.
Human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The direct sale of land to CHMI will enable the association the right to worship under the <i>ACT Human Rights Act 2004</i>, Section 14(1)h.
Indigenous and Multicultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The direct sale will facilitate the free expression of the religious and cultural rights of a number of sects of Hinduism in the ACT and in particular in the Gungahlin district. This is congruent with the ACT's status as a multicultural community.

Economic

ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistent with the direct sale of land charging policy, CHMI as a religious organisation will be required to pay an amount for the land based on a sliding scale consistent with the area of land on offer.
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Environmental

Nil impact