

## Appendix 2: Legislative, Executive and Administrative reforms

ACT Labor and the ACT Greens have set out an ambitious legislative and administrative reform agenda over the coming term. The priority reform areas are listed below, which will be progressed subject to legislative drafting capacity, Cabinet agreement to the Bill, and Budget funding approval as necessary.

### Agreed Legislative Reform:

1. Establish industrial manslaughter as an offence in the Work Health and Safety Act
2. Amend the Portable Long Service Scheme to ensure more workers receive fair entitlements as they move jobs in their profession
3. Legislate to ban any political donations from foreign sources
4. Introduce 'real time' political donation reporting within seven days of receipt of a large donation
5. Ensure ACT legislation can identify and effectively respond to modern day slavery
6. Legislate to prevent the outsourcing or privatisation of public sector jobs.
7. Review and amend Work Health and Safety laws to keep Canberra workers safe on worksites
8. Introduce regulations to protect tradespeople from silica dust
9. Raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility
10. Review the Discrimination Act as part of the implementation of the Capital of Equality Strategy
11. Enact the Multicultural Recognition Act, to establish a multicultural charter, enshrine in legislation the existing Multicultural Advisory Council, and establish reporting obligations against the Multicultural Framework
12. Amend Residential Tenancies Act to end no cause evictions
13. Amend building legislation to set a proportion of new residential properties in the ACT built to meet Universal Design standards to make them able to be adapted and accessible to all people regardless of age, disability or other factors
14. Amend the Territory Plan to create Entertainment Precincts, starting with a city entertainment precinct
15. Amend the Crimes Act and associated legislation to include reforms identified by the Sexual Assault Reform Program (SARP) group in their review, including consideration of a positive definition of consent
16. Consider amendments to the Supreme Court Act to introduce best practice right to appeal laws
17. Consider introducing the "right to a healthy environment" into the Human Rights Act, and look at rights of nature
18. Further restrict roadside electoral advertising including further regulation of roadside corflutes and introduce specific offences for roadside advertising using illegally parked or idling vehicles for commercial or political purposes
19. Develop a Charter of Rights for parents and families involved with the care and protection system and embed this in the Children and Young People Act
20. Improve the extended care system for 18-21 year olds in the out of home care system
21. Create circular economy legislation to, amongst other things, phase out single use plastics and require businesses to have a separate collection for co-mingled recycling and organic waste collection and a food waste reduction plan from 2023.

### **Agreed Executive Reforms:**

1. Implement a whole of government policy that government services will not be contracted out where they could be performed by public servants
2. Require larger public service entities to have gender action plans, undertake gender impact assessment and publish their results
3. Require employee and consumer representation on the board of major ACT territory owned corporations or Government businesses
4. Explore options to recognise a Sport and Recreation Industry Peak Body to support the sector respond to the challenges of COVID-19 and beyond
5. Explore establishment of a dedicated full time Coroners Court
6. Consider the best administrative arrangements to manage new water programs and provide a holistic and coordinated approach to water programs and policy
7. Consider the best administrative arrangements to provide a holistic and coordinated approach to justice reinvestment, and to social inclusion and equality

### **Agreed Administrative Reforms:**

The Parties agree to further examine options to address the following issues:

1. Ensuring a holistic approach to government budgets, decision-making and reporting, including consistent, meaningful and measurable strategic and accountability indicators based on wellbeing
2. Strengthen the Cabinet circulation process to ensure all agencies and statutory offices have adequate chance to review and make comments on papers and to properly engage with those views
3. Increasing open and transparent access to government information, thereby reducing the need for Freedom of Information Act applications
4. Ensuring all MLAs have access to climate impact analyses of proposed legislation, where relevant
5. A review of statutory office holder independence including whether any other statutory office holders should be made Officers of the Parliament
6. Better support for democratic participation through reducing traffic control costs for protests, and extend public liability insurance for small community activities on certain public land
7. Review secretariat support for Assembly committees to ensure that each committee has the support necessary to conduct its work, especially for complex inquiries