

Wellbeing Impact Assessment (WIA)

Resources and support

The [Wellbeing Toolkit](#) provides a range of resources to support you to complete a WIA, including the [WIA Drafting Guide](#) and details of the [Wellbeing Domains](#). The Drafting Guide includes definitions, prompting questions, examples and other advice related to each section of the WIA.

Support is available from [Wellbeing Champions](#) in each directorate. The Wellbeing Team can review and provide advice on draft WIAs where capacity allows – contact the team at WellbeingFeedback@act.gov.au.

RSPCA ACT – Relocation Package and Ownership Structure

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Purpose of proposal

To seek approval on the ownership structure and service delivery model of the proposed RSPCA ACT facility in Pialligo.

Wellbeing domains and impact description

Access and connectivity	Economy	Education and life-long learning	Environment and climate	Governance and institutions	Health
Housing and home	Identity and belonging	Living standards	Safety	Social connection	Time

Primary domain

Impact description

Housing and home

- The Weston site that currently houses the RSPCA facility is drafted to be on the Indicative Land Release Program (ILRP) for 2025-26. Land release can't occur until the RSPCA has been relocated to a new location and, possibly, demolition of their existing facility occurring and some contamination adjacent to the site being remediated.
- Development of North Weston land for housing.
- The additional land releases in Weston and other ACT areas aim to provide more housing options for Canberrans. Key points include:
 - Affordable Housing: The 2024-25 release includes sites for 608 community, public, or affordable homes, meeting diverse housing needs.
 - Sustainable Development: New housing will be near key precincts and transport corridors, promoting sustainable growth and reducing environmental impact.
 - Community Benefits: More housing options can reduce housing stress, improve living standards, and enhance community amenities and infrastructure.
 - Long-Term Impact: These initiatives address the housing shortage, support economic development.

Other domains

Environment and climate

- Transitioning from an 80-year-old facility to a modern one can significantly impact climate change through:
- Improved Insulation and Materials: Reduces energy consumption for heating and cooling.
 - Efficient HVAC Systems: More energy-efficient and environmentally friendly.
 - Renewable Energy Integration: Incorporates solar panels and wind turbines.
 - Smart Building Technologies: Optimizes energy use based on occupancy and usage patterns

Evidence base and data

Provide evidence that your proposal will have the wellbeing impacts described above. Note that it is not enough to only provide evidence that the issue exists.

Evidence	Source	Type of evidence
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What don't we know?

- Nil

Measuring wellbeing outcomes

How will the Government know this proposal has achieved the anticipated wellbeing impacts?

Your thinking on this does not need to be finalised – this is an opportunity to set out ideas about what may need to be measured in order to understand whether this proposal has had the anticipated impact.

What is the measurable outcome?

The performance of the proposal in terms of the above objectives can be measured through:

- Development of North Weston land as per Indicative Land Release Program – land released for housing.
- New facility design that meets standards with improved conditions for animals, staff and volunteers.
- RSPCA is able to continue supporting the ACT Government in managing domestic animals under the relevant

How will you measure it?

Delivery of the program and infrastructure

Evaluation

- This proposal does not have an explicit evaluation plan however, the proposal will indirectly be evaluated by the release of land on the land release program and the delivery of the RSPCA facility.

Who is impacted?

- Every member of the Canberra community can benefit from this proposal; however, it is of particular benefit to the people of Canberra who require essential housing, pet owners, RSPCA staff and volunteers. The Pialligo site is presently known as the Duntroon Horse Paddocks. Territory Agistment holds a grazing licence on the land, and it is used for horse agistment. Building the new RSPCA facility in Block 2, Section 14 Pialligo will reduce the paddock area by 3.2Ha which will have an impact on the stocking rates. The proposal will have a negative impact on Duntroon agistees which can be managed as part of the planning on availability and management of horse paddocks across the ACT.

Will the proposal have a different or disproportionate impact (positive or negative) on any groups?

Gendered impacts

- This project does not have gender impacts.

Impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

- This proposal does not impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Impacts on future generations

- Increased Housing Supply: Over 866,000 square meters of land will be released over five years, enabling the construction of more than 21,000 new homes.

Will the proposal have an impact on or be impacted by climate change?

Emissions reduction

Transitioning from an 80-year-old facility to a modern one can significantly impact climate change .

Adaptation and risk management

- Improved Insulation and Materials: Reduces energy consumption for heating and cooling.
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Cross-portfolio collaboration and partnerships

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The RSPCA Home facility will primarily have a minor and sustained positive impact on Housing within the ACT as the land is released in Weston.

- The Housing wellbeing domain due to increased availability of land/ housing in Weston