

# Justice and Community Safety Directorate

## Directorate Overview

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The Justice and Community Safety Directorate strives to maintain a fair, safe and peaceful community in the ACT where people's rights and interests are respected and protected.

The Directorate and agencies under the portfolio provide services to the entire Canberra community in areas of:

- justice
- emergency preparedness and response; and
- protection of rights.

We also provide services across the ACT government including legal advice and legal representation and in specialised areas of legislative drafting.

The systems that deliver these services are directed at:

- maintaining the rule of law as anticipated by the Westminster style of democratic government
- promoting the protection of human rights in the Territory
- protecting and preserving life, property and the environment
- providing effective and cohesive emergency response and management, and
- drafting, implementing and enforcing legislation.

The Directorate also provides a range of justice, legal and community safety systems by working in partnership with a range of independent judicial and statutory officers who exercise statutory responsibilities.

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