



# Key changes to the Australian Government Policy Impact Analysis framework

Previous Setting	Impact Analysis Aspects	New Setting Effective March 2023
Australian Government Guide to Regulatory Impact Analysis.	<b>Title</b>	Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis.
<p>Focused on decisions of Government with an expectation of compliance.</p> <p>Any rule endorsed by government where there is an expectation of compliance.</p>	<b>Scope</b>	<p><b>Focus remains unchanged</b> but now better articulated to reflect current practice.</p> <p><i>Any policy proposal or action of government, with an expectation of compliance, that would result in a more than minor change in behaviour or impact for people, businesses, or community organisations.</i></p>
7 Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) questions.	<b>Principles and Elements</b>	7 Impact Analysis questions remain, but with <b>minor movement of some key principles</b> between the questions (see below).
Implementation planning grouped with evaluation in Question 7.	<b>Implementation planning</b>	Implementation planning <b>requirements unchanged</b> but now grouped with discussion on how the best option was selected in Question 6.
Evaluation grouped with implementation planning in Question 7.	<b>Evaluation</b>	<b>Evaluation now a standalone item</b> at Question 7 to recognise its importance in the policy development lifecycle.
Impact Analyses must be certified by agency heads or Deputy Secretaries, with delegation arrangements in place in limited circumstances.	<b>Submission of Impact Analyses to OIA</b>	Impact Analyses can <b>only</b> be certified by agency heads or Deputy Secretaries.
All submissions must be accompanied by an appropriate degree of regulatory impact analysis. Minor RISs mandatory for proposals considered by OIA to have low regulatory impact.	<b>Requirements for Cabinet Submissions</b>	Completion of Minor Impact Analysis <b>now at the discretion of sponsoring Ministers.</b>
<p>Agencies permitted to self-certify documents as 'independent reviews' that meet the RIS requirements.</p> <p>OIA only tests relevance of documents to the decision and does not comment on analytical quality.</p>	<b>Independent Reviews</b>	<p>Agencies able to self-certify documents as 'Impact Analysis equivalents' <b>only with the prior agreement of OIA.</b></p> <p>Testing of relevance to decision unchanged but OIA may now comment on, but not formerly assess, the quality of the analysis.</p>