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Mr Jason McNamara
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Dear Mr Jason McNamara

Thank you for your letter of 25 June 2013 about the department's regulatory impact statement (RIS) requirements in relation to the Franchising Code of Conduct review under the new two-stage RIS process.

I approve the attached consultation paper for use as the Options-stage RIS for the government response to review. I certify that it adequately addresses all necessary elements – the problem, objective and options in accordance with the *Best Practice Regulation Handbook July 2013*. For those recommendations requiring a RIS, at least three options were explored – a regulatory option, a non-regulatory/light-handed regulatory option, and a do-nothing option.

This paper was released for public comment from 17 June to 9 July 2013. As part of this process, officers from the department also undertook targeted consultation. Responses will assist in the development of the government response and provide additional information for inclusion in the Details-stage RIS. I understand that this paper, as an Options-stage RIS, will be posted on the OBPR website following the announcement of the government response to the review.

The department will prepare a Details-stage RIS in consultation with OBPR before final approval is sought for the implementation of the government's response.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me on 02 6276 1300 or Julia Freeman on 02 6276 1509.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sue Weston'.

Sue Weston
Deputy Secretary

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