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Mr David Martine
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Dear Mr Martine

Draft single-stage Regulation Impact Statement – approval of accommodation prices above the Minister’s threshold

Thank you for sending the final single-stage Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on the above matter on 14 January 2014 for formal assessment by the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR).

The OBPR agrees that the RIS addresses all of the areas identified in our first-pass assessment letter of 23 December 2013. In particular, the OBPR agrees with the costings of the proposal and offset, and has assessed the revised impact analysis as being of an adequate standard.

In relation to the points you raised regarding the Assistant Minister’s 20 November 2013 announcement on the revised threshold and simplified price-setting process, we agree with your advice that the change to the threshold level did not require the preparation of a RIS.

On the matter of the simplified price-setting process and the reversal of a previously announced government policy, we note the Department’s assessment that a RIS was not required for that statement.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) maintains a RIS website. We would appreciate the Department advising us when a decision has been announced and forwarding final copies of the RIS meeting the Australian Government’s accessibility requirements so that it can be published on this website. The website provides a public comment facility on posted RISs. The OBPR moderates this facility for offensive content, but does not moderate debate.

Please also note that, for legislative instruments, the single-stage RIS must be included in the explanatory statement.

If you wish to discuss this advice please contact me on 02 6271 6279, or [REDACTED] on 6271 [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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