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Dear Mr McNamara

**Details-stage Regulation Impact Statement – for assessment**

I am writing in relation to the attached final details-stage Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared by the Department of Employment concerning proposed amendments to the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*. The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified and offsets have been identified and quantified using the Business Cost Calculator. These have been agreed with your office.

I am satisfied that the final details-stage RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 07 February 2014. Specifically, the RIS incorporates changes to take account of the following key matters raised by the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR):

- the RIS has been updated to include analysis of the impact of the proposed changes on employees and the impact for businesses that move to the Commonwealth's work health and safety legislation;
- regulatory cost calculations relating to the proposed changes to off-site recess breaks coverage have been agreed with OBPR; and
- outcomes of the recent consultation with the states and territories have been included in the RIS.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the final details-stage RIS now meets the Government's best practice regulation requirements.

I note that the Department has prepared a single-stage RIS, and as no decision has been previously announced, an options-stage RIS was not required.

I submit the RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for formal assessment.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Parker

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