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Dear Mr McNamara

Regulation Impact Statement –final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activities) Repeal Bill 2014. 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 RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 21 March 2014. Specifically, I note that the RIS:

- identifies the scale and magnitude of the cost to business of implementation of the *Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activities) Act 2013* ('the ORA Act');
- provides greater clarity in regard to the regulatory options available, including the 'status quo', a 'light-touch' solution and repeal of the ORA Act;
- provides greater analysis of the net benefits of the considered options, including the best option;

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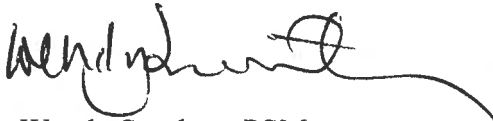
- provides further detail on how feedback from all stakeholders has been addressed through the policy options under consideration; and
- provides a greater level of detail on implementation and evaluation of the preferred option.

I note also that the RIS also identifies the status of the RIS at each major decision point in the proposal's development.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the RIS now meets best practice consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulation*.

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

Yours sincerely

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