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Regulation Impact Statement- Removal of Australian Industry Participation Officers

Thank you for forwarding a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on 19 March 2014 titled: 'Strengthening Australian Industry Participation' for the measure to remove the requirement to have Australian Industry Participation Officers embedded in major projects for final assessment.

I note that you have formally certified the RIS, which was initially undertaken on the introduction of the requirement in 2012, as meeting best practice regulation requirements for the removal of the measure.

As part of final assessment the OBPR assesses the RIS for consistency and adequacy – consistency relate to following the prescribed process and adequacy relates to the quality of the analysis.

I note the Department of Industry has been consistent with the RIS guidelines, having prepared an options-stage RIS provided to the OBPR before the initial decision. I note that you have also the enclosed the options-stage RIS titled: 'Australian Industry Participation Officers.'

I note that the RIS you have provided for final assessment is adequate, having already been assessed as adequate with best practice regulation requirements on 21 November 2012. I also note that the regulatory costs and cost offsets have been agreed with the OBPR.

I note the problem in the RIS relates to short comings by Australian industry Participation in major projects and that the objective of the RIS was to strengthen that Australian industry participation in major projects. I note the options in the RIS are to maintain the status quo, self-regulation and legislation. I note that the regulatory burden from requiring Australian Industry Participation officers to be embedded in the major projects is estimated at \$3.9 million per annum.

I note that proposal to remove the requirement for Australian Industry Participation Officers will not require legislative amendments.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) maintains a RIS website and the Government requires that RISs be posted within 5 business days of a regulatory decision being publicly announced. We would appreciate you advising us when a decision on this proposal is announced, and forwarding a final copy of the RIS in *Microsoft Word .doc* format in a form meeting the Australian Government's *Web Content Accessibility Guidelines*. We suggest liaising with your web services team to ensure these guidelines are met. The OBPR should be consulted if the details stage RIS is amended. It is the agency preparing the RIS, not the OBPR, which is responsible for the content of the published details stage RIS.

The website provides a public comment facility on RISs posted on the site. The OBPR moderates this facility for offensive content but does not moderate debate.

Please retain this letter as a record of the OBPR's advice. Our reference number for this issue is 16599. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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