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Dear Mr McNamara

Regulation Impact Statement – onion levies and export charges.

I am writing to submit for assessment the attached draft Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on onion levies and charges, which has been prepared by my department. The RIS relates to the proposal by Onions Australia to increase the rate of levy and export charge for research and development; decrease the levy rate and export charge for the National Residue Survey; introduce a levy and export charge for marketing; establish an Emergency Plant Pest Response levy and export charge set at \$0.00 per tonne; and establish a Plant Health Australia membership levy and export charge.

I am satisfied that the draft RIS meets the Australian Government's best practice regulation requirements, in particular that:

- the problem being addressed and the objectives of government action are well articulated;
- all feasible options are considered;
- the analysis of the likely impacts of each option is adequate and presented in a balanced way; and
- the conclusion is supported by the analysis in the RIS.

The contact officer for this matter is Martin Walsh, Director Horticulture Policy, on 02 6272 4213 or martin.walsh@daff.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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