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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 horticulture export regulation enabled by the *Horticulture Marketing and Research and Development Services Act 2000* and subordinate legislation. The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified and offsets have been identified and quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework. These have been agreed with your office.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in Mr Darrell Porter's letter of 27 November 2014. Specifically, in this final version of the RIS: the problem section is more specific about the nature of the problem; the objective section notes whether the original objectives of the Act can be achieved without continued government intervention; information contained in the status quo section in the previous version is now presented under Option 2 and 3; the RIS clarifies any effects on domestic consumers; sections 5.3.3; 5.4.3 and 5.5.3 have been revised to remove the impression of a formal cost-benefit analysis; a Regulatory Burden Costing and Offset Estimates table is included for Options 2 and 3; and, the Consultation section explains the status of the RIS at each major decision point.

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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Deputy Secretary

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