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Dear Mr McNamara

**REGULATION IMPACT STATEMENT – FINAL ASSESSMENT SECOND PASS**

I am writing in relation to the attached draft Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for reducing the regulation of stock food and pet food as veterinary chemical products (OBPR ID NO. 16908).

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 your letter of 20 November 2014 and the subsequent comments of your officers. The table below outlines how we have addressed your stated concerns.

<b>OBPR Comment</b>	<b>Departmental response</b>
The RIS to be editorially reviewed to improve accessibility and coherence.	Completed. Comments from OBPR officers acknowledge improved accessibility and coherence.
The RIS to articulate the current regulatory framework for stock foods, medicated stock foods and veterinary chemical products incorporated into stock foods.	Completed, clarified that the last two items are outside of the scope of the proposed reform.
The RIS to provide clear description of the economic impacts on the animal feed sector.	Completed, costs of reform agreed with OBPR.
The RIS to clarify what actions are necessary of participants in the animal feed sector (users, manufacturers, regulators).	Completed, specific actions for each segment included for all three proposed options.

OBPR Comment	Departmental response
The RIS to clarify the involvement of stakeholders and the inclusion of their input in the development process.	Completed, specific reference to each stakeholder comment and amendment included.
The RIS to clarify how the risks posed by animal feed products would be controlled or mitigated in a reformed environment.	Completed, examples of how the proposed controls would work are included in the RIS.
Minor typographical errors to be corrected.	Corrected.

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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