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Dear Mr Simovski

**Regulation Impact Statement – final assessment second pass**

I am writing in relation to the attached final Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for Government's response to the Modernisation Review of the Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner and the Australian Government Building and Construction WHS Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme).

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 19 November 2014.

Specifically, the RIS now includes a regulatory costing for Option 4 – Abolish the Scheme. The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) agreed to the regulatory costing for Option 4 by email on 24 November 2014. It is noted that OBPR in correspondence to the Department of 13 August 2014, previously agreed that the costings for Options 2 and 3 had been appropriately quantified using the Australian Government's Business Cost Calculator. No amendments have been made to these costings.

A number of other minor amendments have also been made to the RIS, such as providing further information about the proposed risk-based assessment approach, including indicative characteristics of the factors that the department will likely consider when assessing risk under the Scheme. As mentioned in your letter of 19 November 2014, the final criteria for the risk-based approach are currently being developed in close consultation with key stakeholders.

The RIS was submitted to OBPR for Early Assessment on 12 August 2014, with a response provided to the Department the next day. The Review recommendations were considered by Government on 19 August 2014 and the Government's decision to pursue Option 3 was announced on 22 October 2014. The RIS was submitted to OBPR for final first pass comment on 12 November 2014.

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

I submit the RIS to OBPR for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely



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