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Dear Mr Thompson

#### **Regulation Impact Statement – Second-pass final assessment – National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme**

Thank you for resubmitting the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) for second-pass final assessment on 23 June 2015. I note that the RIS has been formally certified at the Deputy Secretary level consistent with best practice.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation's (OBPR) final assessment is that the Department of Environment is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements. Given the expected magnitude of the impacts of the proposal the OBPR considers the level of analysis in the RIS is consistent with best practice.

This assessment is based on:

- the regulatory cost estimates having been agreed with the OBPR;
- the Department having submitted certified RISs to the OBPR for first and second-pass final assessment prior to a final decision on the proposal; and
- your letter of 22 June 2015 certifying the RIS responds to the OBPR's further comments on the RIS submitted for second-pass assessment.

In addition, I note that the RIS:

- answers the seven RIS questions;
- considers a minimum of three policy options, one of which is a non-regulatory option; and
- does not contain obvious errors.

The OBPR notes that the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme was designed to address the risk of illegal dumping by providing consumers with free access to recycling and providing for efficient oversight of the recycling process, including its health, safety and environmental outcomes. The aim of the scheme is to deliver a staged increase in the rate of recycling of televisions and computers in Australia from an estimated 17 per cent in 2010–11 to 80 per cent by 2021–22.

The OBPR notes that in response to an operational review of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme, the RIS outlines three policy options for the target percentage recycling trajectories under the scheme over a twenty year period. Option 1 is to maintain the status quo, while Options 2 and 3 respond to stakeholder concerns that current target trajectories would result in too great a reduction in recycling, societal benefit and net benefit over the analysis period.

The OBPR notes that the RIS concludes that Option 3 is preferred to Option 2, while Option 1 is the least preferred option.

*Publication requirements*

The 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 RIS is amended. It is the agency preparing the RIS, not the OBPR, which is responsible for the content of the published 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 matter is 18864. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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