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Mr Richard Eccles
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Via email

Dear Mr Eccles

Final Assessment Regulation Impact Statement – More Indigenous Jobs through Commonwealth Procurement

Thank you for forwarding the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal for final assessment on 30 June 2015. I note that the RIS has been certified at Deputy Secretary level consistent with best practice.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation's (OBPR) final assessment is that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements but is not best practice.

The reason why the RIS is not considered to be best practice is because two major decisions were made during the policy development process that were not informed by an updated RIS.

However, the RIS meets the Australian Government's minimum RIS requirements because:

- it addresses the seven questions in the *Australian Government Guide to Regulation*;
- it does not contain obvious errors;
- regulatory savings have been agreed with the OBPR;
- the certified RIS was twice submitted for the OBPR's assessment prior to a final decision being taken; and
- your letter of 30 June 2015 certifying that the RIS responds to the OBPR's formal comments on the RIS submitted for the first-pass assessment.

The RIS notes that a 'cultural change' strategy has been developed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to encourage and support agencies in adopting the new indigenous procurement policy. The strategy includes an evaluation at the end of the first and third years of the policy's implementation.

The OBPR maintains a RIS website and RISs are posted as soon as practicable after a regulatory decision is publicly announced. We would appreciate you advising us when a decision on this proposal is finalised, 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 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 issue is 17558. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Simovski', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tony Simovski
A/g Deputy Executive Director
Office of Best Practice Regulation

30 June 2015