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Dear Ms Borthwick

Re: revised Higher Education Standards Framework

Thank you for your letter of 27 July 2015 certifying the independent review of the Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2011 as an independent review that undertook a process and analysis equivalent to a final assessment Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the decision on the revised Higher Education Standards Framework.

Thank you also for your letter of 22 September 2015 noting that the measure had an estimated regulatory saving of \$2.538 million. I confirm that the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) agrees with the estimate.

The OBPR advises that the process followed by the Department of Education and Training is consistent with the Government's best practice regulation requirements.

Consistent with best practice publication requirements for independent reviews, the OBPR will publish a link to the review on its website. 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 the measure is 17288. 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'.

Tony Simovski
A/g Deputy Executive Director
Office of Best Practice Regulation
9 October 2015