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Dear Dr Banerjee

#### **Final Assessment Regulation Impact Statement – Changes to the VET FEE-HELP Scheme**

Thank you for forwarding the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal for final assessment on 9 September 2015. I note that you have formally certified the RIS as required by the best practice regulation requirements.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation's (OBPR) final assessment is that the Department of Education and Training is compliant with the Government's requirements. This assessment is based on:

- the regulatory costs having been agreed with the OBPR;
- the Department having twice submitted the certified RIS for the OBPR's assessment prior to a decision being taken; and
- your letter of 9 September 2015 certifying the RIS responds to the OBPR's formal comments on the RIS on 13 August 2015.

However, the OBPR considers that a higher level of analysis is required for the RIS to be consistent with best practice. In particular, the RIS would have been assessed as best practice if it more clearly identified the nature of the problem and provided more thorough and in-depth analysis of the likely impacts on VET providers and the sector as a whole.

#### *Publication requirements*

The OBPR maintains a RIS website. 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 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 18068. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Simovski', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tony Simovski  
A/g Deputy Executive Director  
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10 September 2015