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Dear Ms Borthwick

Final Assessment Regulation Impact Statement - Proposed amendments to the Education Services for Overseas Students framework

Thank you for forwarding the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal for final assessment on 3 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 RIS is compliant with the Government's requirements. This assessment is based on:

- the regulatory estimates 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 3 September 2015 certifying the RIS responds to the OBPR's formal comments on the RIS on 28 August 2015.

However, the OBPR's assessment is that the analysis in RIS is not best practice. The RIS would have been assessed as best practice if it more clearly demonstrated that the preferred option would result in the highest net benefit taking into account the various risks and implementation factors of the options presented.

Publication requirements

The OBPR maintains a RIS website. We would appreciate your department 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 17028. 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
4 September 2015