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Dear Mr McNamara

**Regulation Impact Statement: Final Assessment—Second Pass**

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the Department of Agriculture and Water Resource's (the department) livestock export certification reform - approved arrangements for livestock exports (OBPR ID 18445).

Implementing approved arrangements will lead to an estimated reduction in regulatory burden of \$1.16 million per year for livestock exporters, without compromising the principles of the Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System which is unaffected by this reform. This has been quantified using the Commonwealth Regulatory Burden Measurement framework and has been agreed with your office.

The department has addressed the comments outlined in the first pass assessment letter of 2 October 2015. Specific responses are provided at Attachment A.

I am satisfied the RIS meets the requirements of the Australian Government Guide to Regulation. I am also satisfied that the recommendation documented in the RIS is consistent with the Australian Government commitment to improving performance efficiency and reducing unnecessary red tape in export certification.

The livestock export industry has been consulted throughout the development of the proposed approved arrangements system for livestock exports and supports its implementation.

I submit the RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely



Jo Evans  
Deputy Secretary

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