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Dear Mr Simovski

Regulation Impact Statement – final assessment second pass

Thank you for your letter of 18 August 2015 in response to the Department of Employment's request for first-pass final assessment of the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for amendments to the Building Code.

Your letter outlined the improvements necessary in order to meet best practice consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulation*. I understand that officers of the department have been working with the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) to make these improvements. I am now satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter, specifically, by:

- providing better clarification of the nature of the problem and the need for government action
- providing additional analysis of the options presented
- providing further details of the information gained from industry during the consultation process, and
- updating the Regulatory Burden Measure, including by clarifying the costs of each option and the assumptions made in calculating those costs.

I thank your officers for their assistance provided to the department during the preparation of the RIS. The RIS is now finalised and I submit it to OBPR for second-pass final assessment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a long, sweeping tail.

Sandra Parker

14 September 2015