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Dear Mr McNamara

Regulation Impact Statement – sweet potato levy.

I am writing to submit for assessment the attached draft Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared by my department for the proposal by the Australian Sweetpotato Growers' Association to introduce a statutory levy for marketing on the sweet potato industry.

I am satisfied that the draft RIS meets the Australian Government's best practice regulation requirements, in particular that:

- the problem being addressed and the objectives of government action are well articulated;
- all feasible options are considered;
- the analysis of the likely impacts of each option is adequate and presented in a balanced way; and
- the conclusion is supported by the analysis in the RIS.

The contact officer for this matter is Martin Walsh, Director Horticulture Policy, on 02 6272 4213 or <u>martin.walsh@daff.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Tucker Deputy Secretary Department of Agriculture December 2013

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