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Dear Dr Southern

Final Assessment Regulation Impact Statement – Access to Cannabis for Medical and Scientific Purposes

Thank you for forwarding the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal for final assessment on 29 January 2016. 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 Health 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 29 January 2016 certifying the RIS responds to the OBPR's formal comments on the RIS in its letter of 27 January 2016.

However, for the RIS to be best practice, the practical impacts of the changes would need to be explained in more detail in the impact analysis. In addition, more extensive consultation would have needed to be undertaken.

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 19882. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Swan', written in a cursive style.

Eric Swan
A/g Deputy Executive Director
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29 January 2016