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Dear Mr McNamara

I am writing regarding the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (DFAT's) policy for sign-off of Regulation Impact Statements (RISs).

Further to the Government's recent decision to provide flexibility in the level of RIS sign-off, this authority is being delegated to First Assistant Secretary-level officers in DFAT and DFAT's portfolio agencies.

I understand this decision will be published on the Office of Best Practice Regulation's (OBPR's) website in-line with the Government's policy. If you have any queries regarding DFAT's policy, please contact Mr Jeff Roach, Assistant Secretary, Executive Branch, at jeff.roach@dfat.gov.au or on 02 6261 2377.

We look forward to working with OBPR on future RISs.

Yours sincerely

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