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Dear Mr Saunders

Regulation Impact Statement (#18376) – Final Assessment

I am writing in relation to the attached Standard Form Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) regarding the *Increasing Choice in Home Care* measure.

This measure was announced by the Government in the 2015-16 Budget (it was previously referred to as the *Increasing Choice for Older Australians* measure). Given the Government's public commitment to implementing this measure, it was considered appropriate to only present two options in the RIS. This is explained at page 14.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the two key matters raised in the letter from your office dated 20 January 2016:

- the agency has certified that fewer than three policy options are feasible for consideration in these circumstances; and
- the regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework, and costs agreed with your office.

The RIS also includes additional information:

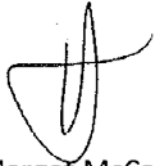
- to strengthen the analysis of the impact of the proposed changes on providers and consumers;
- to further explain the limitations of maintaining the status quo; and
- to explain how the recommended option offers the greatest net benefit to the community.

Whilst not included in the RIS, the Department intends to publish a summary of the stakeholder feedback on the public discussion paper.

I am satisfied that this RIS is compliant with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulation*.

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

Yours sincerely

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Margot McCarthy
Deputy Secretary

25 January 2016