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Dear Mr McNamara

Regulation Impact Statement –final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Transition to full scheme. The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework. Offsets have not been identified as the decision to introduce an NDIS was taken by the former Government, and the regulatory burden associated with the NDIS forms part of the burden of existing regulation and therefore does not count for the purposes of the Government's annual target. This position has been agreed with your office.

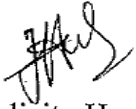
I am satisfied the RIS addresses all of the comments raised in your letter of 25 March 2015. Specifically, the RIS now:

- includes further information on the nature of the problems with disability services identified by the Productivity Commission, and information on the varying contributions to disability services by state and territory governments in their jurisdictions;
- highlights additional Government objectives relating to the NDIS as set out in the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*, and the aims of the transition to full scheme;
- includes an alternative option on the potential for greater use of negotiated prices as the NDIS is rolled out, rather than the current reference price approach, and considers options for the transition of Commonwealth programmes into the NDIS; and
- describes the status of the RIS at each major decision point in developing the NDIS.

Accordingly, I am satisfied the RIS now meets best practice consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulation*.

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

Yours sincerely

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

Felicity Hand
Deputy Secretary
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May 2015