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Ms Felicity Hand  
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*Via email*

Dear Ms Hand

#### **Regulation Impact Statement – Second-pass final assessment – National Disability Insurance Scheme: Transition to Full Scheme**

Thank you for submitting the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) for second-pass final assessment on 25 May 2015. I note that the RIS has been formally certified at the Deputy Secretary level consistent with best practice.

The OBPR's final assessment is that the Department is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements and the RIS is consistent with best practice.

This assessment is based on the fact that our comments of 25 March 2015 on the first-pass RIS have been appropriately addressed, and the Department has been consistent with the RIS guidelines, having twice provided a certified RIS to the OBPR for assessment before the decision-maker considers the RIS. In addition, the regulatory impacts have been agreed with the OBPR, the RIS addresses the seven RIS questions and it does not contain obvious errors.

The RIS notes that the transition to the full scheme of the NDIS will require a significant increase in funding for disability support. It also notes that the scheme is expected to have significant positive impacts on the lives of people with disability, their families and carers, and on providers of disability services. As the decision to introduce the NDIS was taken by the former Government, the regulatory burden associated with the NDIS forms part of the existing regulation. It therefore does not count towards the current Government's red tape reduction target.

The OBPR maintains a RIS website and the Government requires that RISs be posted within five business days of a regulatory decision being publicly announced. 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 OBPR should be consulted if the RIS is amended. It is the agency preparing the RIS, not the OBPR, which is responsible for the content of the published RIS.

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 matter is 18793. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Simovski', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tony Simovski  
A/g Deputy Executive Director  
Office of Best Practice Regulation

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