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Mr Mike Mrdak  
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Dear Mr Mrdak

**Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Assessment – Improved Protection of Vehicle Occupants in Side Impact Crashes**

Thank you for forwarding the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal for second pass final assessment by the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) which we received on 22 October 2015. I note that you have formally certified the RIS as required by the best practice regulation requirements.

The OBPR assesses RISs against the compliance and best practice regulatory impact analysis criteria set out in the Australian Government Guide to Regulation (the Guide).

I note the Department has been consistent with the RIS guidelines, having twice provided a certified RIS (addressing all seven elements) to the OBPR for the two-pass assessment before the decision-maker considers the RIS. The RIS does not contain obvious errors and the regulatory costs and cost offsets have been agreed with the OBPR. The Department is therefore compliant with the Government's RIS requirements and the RIS is consistent with best practice.

The OBPR maintains a RIS website and the Government requires that RISs be posted as soon as practicable after a regulatory decision is publicly announced. We would appreciate you advising us when a decision on the 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 OBPR website provides a public comment facility. 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 17694. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. McNamara', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason McNamara  
Executive Director  
30 October 2015