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Dear Mr Saunders

REGULATION IMPACT STATEMENT - FINAL ASSESSMENT SECOND PASS

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for Tax Integrity: extending goods and services tax to digital products and other services imported by consumers. The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework and a process for finding offsets identified. These have been agreed with your office.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in the first pass final assessment letter of 2 November 2015. Specifically, we have clarified the nature and extent of the problem, the RIS now outlines three policy options, including a no change option. We have included additional commentary on our consultation with stakeholders including their views.

This final assessment second pass RIS also includes estimates of regulatory costs which have been tested and adjusted as a result of stakeholder feedback. Offsets for the chosen option will be found from the Treasury Portfolio.

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

I submit the RIS to the Regulatory Reform Division for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Heferen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rob Heferen
Deputy Secretary
The Treasury
8 January 2016