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Dear Mr Brown

Certification of independent review or other similar mechanism: the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement

Thank you for your letter of 27 November 2015 certifying the TPP Analysis of Regulatory Impact on Australia as an independent review that undertook a process and analysis equivalent to a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS).

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) acknowledges the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's certification and advises that it does not assess the adequacy of independent reviews in meeting the Government's RIS requirements.

I note that the Department estimates that the reduction in regulatory burden from the entry into force of the TPP is \$147,000 per annum and that this number has been agreed with the OBPR.

The OBPR's reference number for this matter is 17662. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. McNamara', followed by a horizontal line.

Jason McNamara
Executive Director
1 December 2015