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Dear Mr Tanner

Regulation Impact Statement – Second-pass final assessment – Release of the 1800 MHz band in remote areas

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 June 2015. I note that the RIS has been formally certified at the General Manager level consistent with best practice.

The OBPR's final assessment is that the Authority is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements and the RIS is consistent with best practice. This assessment is based on:

- the regulatory cost and savings estimates having been agreed with the OBPR;
- your letter of 25 June 2015 certifying the RIS responds to the OBPR's formal comments on the RIS submitted for first-pass assessment; and
- the RIS does not contain obvious errors.

The OBPR notes that the RIS examines ways to respond to demand for access to the 1800 MHz band in remote areas for mobile services and how best to allocate licences in remote areas.

Publication requirements

The OBPR maintains a RIS website and aims to post RISs as soon as practicable after a regulatory decision has been 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 17000. 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 horizontal line extending to the right.

Jason McNamara
Executive Director
Office of Best Practice Regulation
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