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Dear Mr McNamara

REGULATION IMPACT STATEMENT - FINAL ASSESSMENT SECOND PASS

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the OTC derivatives central clearing mandate proposal. The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework and has been agreed with your office.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 30 July 2015. Specifically, the focus of the Background section has been improved by eliminating non-essential material. Statements referring to some less likely outcomes have been removed from the Problem section. Finally, the net benefit analysis of Option 1- Status Quo has been made clearer by including references to specific markets and products that could be affected under this option.

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 Office of Best Practice Regulation for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely

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