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Dear Ms Parker

Regulation Impact Statement – Regulation of Registered Organisations

Thank you for forwarding the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal for final assessment on 4 March 2015. I note that you have formally certified the RIS as required by the best practice regulation requirements.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) has assessed the RIS for consistency and adequacy – consistency relates to following the prescribed process and adequacy relates to the quality of the analysis. The OBPR's final assessment is that the Department of Employment (the department) is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements and is consistent with best practice.

I note that the department has previously published options-stage and details-stage RISs on the proposed reforms (as required under the RIS requirements at the time), and provided a certified RIS to the OBPR for assessment prior to the re-introduction of the enabling legislation. In addition, the regulatory costs and offsets have been agreed with the OBPR.

The OBPR notes that the proposed changes to the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* will increase the statutory and fiduciary obligations on registered organisations to more closely align them with those that corporations have to meet, consistent with the Government's election commitments in this area. Further, the re-introduced regulation includes a number of changes that will decrease the regulatory burden on registered organisations, compared with the Bill that was previously introduced.

The OBPR maintains a RIS website and RISs are posted as soon as practicable following a regulatory decision being publicly announced. Please forward 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.

Please retain this letter as a record of the OBPR's advice. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Simovski'.

Tony Simovski
A/g Deputy Executive Director

4 March 2015