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Dear Mr Simovski

Regulation Impact Statement – final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the Deregulation of the Student Visa Programme (OBPR No. 18083). The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified and offsets have been identified and quantified using the Business Cost Calculator. These have been agreed with your office.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 27 November 2015. Specifically, I note that the RIS:

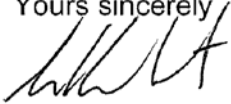
- provides a more comprehensive consultation section which includes further detail of stakeholders consulted and their views.
- discusses in more depth the risks and net benefits associated with the proposed options.
- considers how the current arrangements affect competition in the market and the potential benefits to students from any improvements in competition.
- clearly demonstrates why the preferred option is considered to be the best of the options assessed.

I note also that the RIS identifies the status of the RIS at each major decision point in the proposal's development.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Geddes', written in a cursive style.

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