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cc. Regulatory Reform Unit

Dear Dr Smith

Regulation Impact Statement – Second-pass final assessment – Media reform

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 29 February 2016. I note that the RIS has been formally certified at the Secretary level consistent with best practice.

The OBPR's final assessment is that the Department of Communications and the Arts is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements.

- More in-depth analysis of the likely impacts on business, individuals and competition, along with more detailed stakeholder feedback on the specifics of the proposed reforms would have elevated the RIS to the status of best practice.

As the OBPR identified the proposal as requiring a long-form RIS, under the Government's best practice regulation requirements a post-implementation review must be completed within five years of the introduction of the reforms.

Publication requirements


The OBPR maintains a RIS website. We would appreciate you advising us when a decision on this proposal is announced, and forwarding a final copy of the RIS and your certification letter 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 19978. 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', written in a cursive style.

Tony Simovski
Acting Deputy Executive Director
Office of Best Practice Regulation
29 February 2016