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via email

Dear Ms Geddes

Regulation Impact Statement – Final assessment – Deregulation of the student visa programme and future directions for streamlined visa processing

Thank you for your letter of 17 February 2016 submitting the final Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR).

I note that the RIS has been formally certified at the Deputy Secretary level consistent with best practice. The OBPR's final assessment is that the Department of Immigration and Border Protection is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements and the RIS is consistent with best practice. This assessment is based on:

- the regulatory savings estimates having been agreed with the OBPR;
- your letter that 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 maintains a RIS website. We would appreciate your department 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 18083. 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', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tony Simovski
A/g Deputy Executive Director
Office of Best Practice Regulation
24 February 2016