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Mr Dean Knudson Deputy Secretary Department of the Environment

Dear Mr Knudson

Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Final Assessment

Thank you for forwarding a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) examining options to reduce synthetic greenhouse gases.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation's (OBPR) final assessment is that the Department of the Environment is compliant with the Australian Government's RIS requirements. This assessment is based on your letter of 21 April 2016 certifying that the RIS responds to the OBPR's first pass final assessment comments from 12 April 2016. I note the change in regulatory burden has been agreed with the OBPR.

In addition to being compliant, the OBPR considers the RIS represents best practice, due to the quality of analysis and because the RIS explores several genuine options that could help address the problem.

We would appreciate you advising us when a decision on this proposal is announced and forwarding a final copy of the RIS in accessible format for publication on the OBPR's website. Our reference number for this issue is 18983. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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