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Mr John Lonsdale Deputy Secretary Markets Group

By email

Dear Mr Lonsdale,

Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Final Assessment – Register of Foreign Ownership of Water Entitlements

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 27 September 2016. 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 the Treasury is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements and that the RIS is consistent with best practice.

The OBPR maintains a RIS website. We would appreciate your agency advising us when a decision on this proposal is finalised, and forwarding a final copy of the RIS in Microsoft Word and PDF format in a form meeting the Australian Government's *Web Content Accessibility Guidelines*. 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.

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. Our reference number for this matter is 20744. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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A/g Deputy Executive Director

Office of Best Practice Regulation

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