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Ms Sandra Parker Deputy Secretary Department of Employment cc. Department of Employment Regulatory Reform Unit

By email

Dear Ms Parker

Regulation Impact Statement – Second-pass final assessment – Reform of the Seacare Scheme

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 7 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 Employment is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements and the RIS is consistent with best practice. This assessment is based on:

- the regulatory cost and savings estimates having been agreed with the OBPR;
- your letter received on 7 September 2016 certifying 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 you advising us when a decision on this proposal is announced, and 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 17720. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Tony Simovski

Acting Deputy Executive Director Office of Best Practice Regulation September 2016