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Dear Mr McNamara

Regulation Impact Statement – final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared by the Department of Health for the Government's proposal in relation to reforming the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme. The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified and offsets have been identified and quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement Framework. These have been agreed with your office.

I am satisfied that the final assessment RIS addresses the concerns raised in the letter from Mr Simovski of 22 January 2015 (OBPR ID: 17496).

Specifically, the following two minor errors were noted:

- On page 91, the RIS refers to comments being sought to inform the final draft of the RIS. These appear to have been left over from a previous draft. If there were any relevant views expressed by stakeholders during this period, these should be included in the RIS.
- The implementation section (page 97) needs to be updated to reflect the current stage in the policy process.

The issues have now been addressed at pages 91 and 97 respectively.

I also note that the costs and timing of implementation of the reforms for option 2, 3 and 4 (pages 77, 85 and 89) have also been updated to reflect the current forecasts.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the RIS now meets best practice consistent with the Australian Government Guide to Regulation. I submit the RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Baggoley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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