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Dear Mr Williamson

#### **Independent Review – Government Response to the Independent Review of the Horticulture Code of Conduct**

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2016 concerning the Government response to the independent review of the horticulture code of conduct.

I note it is your assessment that the process and analysis undertaken by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in developing the *Independent Review of the Horticulture Code of Conduct: Final Report* is equivalent to a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS). I also note regulatory costs have been agreed with the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) and offsets will be found within the Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio in the relevant regulatory burden reporting period. Therefore, the Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio is consistent with the Government's best practice regulation requirements.

Consistent with the publication requirements for RISs, please provide copies of the independent review in accessible doc and pdf formats for publishing on the OBPR's RIS register when the policy is finalised.

Please retain this letter as a record of the OBPR's advice. Our reference number for this issue is 19857. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Poels'.

Wayne Poels  
A/g Executive Director  
4 January 2017