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Dear Ms Rainsford

Regulation Impact Statement - Second Pass Final Assessment - Reform of the Anti-Siphoning 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 10 April 2017. I note that the RIS has been formally certified at the Assistant Secretary level consistent with best practice.

The RIS examines ways to ensure Australians continue to have free access to nationally important and culturally significant events whilst minimising the impacts of the scheme where inclusion of events under the scheme is no longer warranted.

OBPR's final assessment is that the RIS is compliant with the Government's requirements and is consistent with best practice. This assessment is based on:

- the regulatory cost and savings estimates having been agreed with the OBPR;
- your letter of 10 April 2017 certifying the RIS responds to the OBPR's formal comments on the RIS submitted for first pass assessment
- the RIS does not contain obvious errors.

Publication requirements

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 consistent with the Australian Government's *Web Content Accessibility Guidelines*.

We suggest liaising with your web services team to ensure these guidelines are met. OBPR should be consulted if the RIS is amended. The agency preparing the RIS is responsible for the content of the published RIS.

The website provides a public comment facility on RISs posted on the site. OBPR moderates this facility for offensive content but does not moderate debate.

Please retain this letter as a record of OBPR's advice. Our reference number for this matter is 22046. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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