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Dear Ms Cvijanovic

Agency certification letter – Independent review

I write in relation to the Australian Government's response to the Final Report of the National Consultation on Citizenship, entitled *Australian Citizenship – Your Right, Your Responsibility*.

The Government commissioned Senator the Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells and the Hon Philip Ruddock MP to conduct a National Consultation on Citizenship in 2015 with a view to consult with a broad range of stakeholders to improve understanding of the privileges and responsibilities of Australian citizenship.

The consultation was undertaken over a number of months and input was received from a large number of individuals, community groups and subject matter experts. The report was also informed by research into international models and studies.

The report was presented to the Prime Minister the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP and the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection the Hon Peter Dutton MP on 2 May 2016 ([Attachment A](#)).

The Prime Minister and the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection announced the Government's response to the recommendations in the report on 20 April 2017, and published a discussion paper outlining the Government's response ([Attachment B – Strengthening the Test for Australian Citizenship](#)).

Following a further period of consultation, the Government will implement the response to the report by introducing the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements of Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017 into the Parliament in Winter 2017.

I refer to *The Australian Government Guide to Regulation* which states that a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) is not required for a regulatory proposal where an independent review or other similar mechanism has undertaken a process and analysis equivalent to a RIS.

I certify that the Final Report of the National Consultation on Citizenship is an independent review that has followed a similar process to that required for a RIS and has adequately addressed all seven RIS questions (What is the policy problem you are trying to solve? Why is government action needed? What policy options are you considering? What is the likely net benefit for each option? Who will you consult and how will you consult them? What is the best option from those you have considered? How will you implement and evaluate your chosen option?).

Yours sincerely



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Attachment A: Final Report of the National Consultation on Citizenship, entitled *Australian Citizenship – Your Right, Your Responsibility*

Attachment B: *Strengthening the Test for Australian Citizenship*