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Dear Mr Poels

Regulation Impact Statement - final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for *Management plans for 44 Australian Marine Parks*. The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework. These have been agreed with your office.

I have addressed the matters raised in your letter of 17 January 2018. Specifically,

- further information has been included to explain my view that the preferred policy option (Option 1), with a larger area and more primary conservation features represented in Sanctuary Zones, Marine National Park Zones and Habitat Protection Zones, will, in conjunction with Australia's effective fisheries management and other environmental management practices, achieve a conservation outcome equal to, if not better than, Option 2; and
- further information has been included about stakeholders' comments on draft management plans and how I have taken these comments into account in developing the recommended management plans. Additionally, my reports on the outcomes of consultation for each of the five draft plans have been appended to this RIS and webpage links are provided to comprehensive information about earlier consultation processes.

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, appearing to read 'Sally Barnes'.

Sally Barnes
Director of National Parks

8 February 2018