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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 investigating options for export tariff rate quota regulatory streamlining (OBPR ID 20651). 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 RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 8 November 2017. Specific responses are provided at Attachment A.

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

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Malcolm Thompson

Deputy Secretary

20 February 2018

ATTACHMENT A – Responses to OBPR’s First Pass Assessment Comments

General comments

The RIS has been restructured to provide a narrative of the policy development process to date, including clearly reflecting positions post-consultation. Additionally:

- The problem definition has been revised to clearly demonstrate how stakeholders’ views have been considered and addressed.
- All options are now presented in a single section.
- The impacts of each option have been analysed using a consistent framework.
- The RIS clearly demonstrates that Option 4 represents the highest benefits and as such is recommended.

One page summary

The one page RIS executive summary has been drafted and is attached.

What is the problem?

The problem section has been updated to reflect the post-consultation determination of the nature and scope of the problem. This includes clearer explanation of why specific outcomes, behaviours or inconsistencies are problems for particular tariff rate quotas. This also addresses the impact of current cost recovery arrangements.

Why is Government action needed?

The objectives of Government have been updated to clearly reflect the objectives of the reform and encompass stakeholder concerns.

What policy options are you considering?

The RIS has been restructured to introduce all four options in one section to improve clarity. Each option includes a clear description on how it will function in relation to each TRQ, includes the basis for its inclusion and a summary of how it would operate to address the problem.

Consultation

For simplicity, the consultation process has been summarised in the Consultation section, and the full details placed in an appendix. The consultation outcomes have been adjusted to more clearly set out stakeholder concerns and the actions taken by the department to address these. Additionally, the section clearly details any issues that did not receive a consensus or were unresolved.

Analysis of impacts

The impact analysis has been refined to apply a consistent framework across each option and to provide a clearer comparison of the merits of each option. The analysis identifies how each option would impact on the relevant TRQs and their associated stakeholders, and includes references to stakeholder feedback to explain the relative merits of each option.