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Dear Mr  Lange

Regulation Impact Statement – final assessment second pass on the DMO

I am writing in response to your letter of 25 March 2019.

I believe this revised RIS is consistent with the ten principles for Australian Government policy makers, and adequately addresses each of the seven RIS questions. In particular I am satisfied this revised RIS for second pass assessment addresses the first pass assessment comments provided in your 25 March letter.

Specifically we have included the following:

- Further evidence on the existence of low-income households on standing offers and their ability to access market offers;
- Further clarity around the objectives of the reform;
- Greater emphasis on the impact the options may have on competition in the market;
- Further information on the outcomes of the consultation process, including stakeholder concerns around the length of the consultation process and the implementation of the DMO through an industry code; and
- Greater emphasis in the ‘recommended option’ section regarding the benefits of a DMO and reference price to consumers.

I note that regulatory burden estimates have been agreed with your office.

Consistent with best practice, I submit the certified RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for the second pass of the final assessment

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Secretary
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27 March 2019