



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture

Mr Jason McNamara
Executive Director
Office of Best Practice Regulation
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
1 National Circuit
BARTON ACT 2600

Email: helpdesk@obpr.gov.au

Dear Mr McNamara

Regulation Impact Statement –final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for a decision to introduce regulations to explicitly ban vessels over 130 metres from undertaking fishing activities in the Australian Fishing Zone. The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified and, where applicable, 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 13 March 2015. Specifically, further analysis has been undertaken to better explain the problem that government intervention is trying to address and the impact analysis of the three policy options has been bolstered.

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

Nico Padovan
Deputy Secretary (A/g)
Department of Agriculture
27/3/2015