



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture

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Dear Mr McNamara

Regulation Impact Statement – final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the enclosed Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the seven Agriculture portfolio relevant measures contained in the drought chapter of the Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper. The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals 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 26 June 2015. Specifically, reference to the Office of Best Practice Regulation's (OBPR) consideration of the proposals has been removed to more accurately reflect the nature of the OBPR's role in these matters.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the RIS complies 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Nico Padovan', written over a horizontal line.

Nico Padovan
A/g Deputy Secretary
Department of Agriculture
26 June 2016