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Dear Mr McNamara

Regulation Impact Statement –final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for proposed amendments to the *Defence Trade Controls Act 2012*. 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 5 February 2015. Specifically, the RIS has been amended to:

- include an additional two pages which outline the public consultation undertaken and provide a summary of the main issues raised by stakeholders, both in public consultation sessions and in the written submissions received by the Department of Defence;
- further explain that the outcomes of the pilot programs informed the risk-based approaches develop, and further tested by the pilots; and
- provide additional information on the possible economic cost of removing the new export controls from *Defence Trade Controls Act 2012*.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Baxter', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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