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By email

Dear Mr Morris

Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Final Assessment – Australian Export Fodder Research and Development Levy

Thank you for submitting the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for the above proposal to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) for second-pass final assessment on 18 February 2016. I note that the RIS has been formally certified at the Deputy Secretary level consistent with best practice.

The OBPR's final assessment is that the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources is compliant with the Government's RIS requirements and that the RIS is consistent with best practice. This assessment is based on the following:

- the regulatory cost estimates have been self-assessed, as agreed with the OBPR;
- your letter of 18 February 2016 certifies that the RIS responds to the OBPR's formal comments on the RIS submitted for first-pass assessment; and
- the RIS does not contain obvious errors.

I note that regulatory offsets have not been identified. I note further that you have warranted in your letter of 18 February 2016 that the portfolio's net regulatory objective will be met by the end of the relevant reporting period.

Publication requirements

The OBPR maintains a RIS website. We would appreciate you advising us when a decision on this proposal is finalised, and forwarding a final copy of the RIS in *Microsoft Word .doc* format in a form meeting the Australian Government's *Web Content Accessibility Guidelines*.

We suggest liaising with your web services team to ensure these guidelines are met. The OBPR should be consulted if the RIS is amended. It is the agency preparing the RIS, not the OBPR, which is responsible for the content of the published RIS.

The website provides a public comment facility on RISs posted on the site. The OBPR moderates this facility for offensive content but does not moderate debate.

Please retain this letter as a record of the OBPR's advice. Our reference number for this matter is 20078. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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