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Dear Ms Cvijanovic

Regulation Impact Statement – Final Assessment Second Pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for amendments to the *National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students* (National Code).

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the key concerns raised in your letter of 4 August 2017:

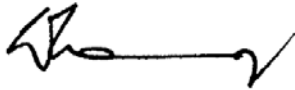
- It clearly outlines all the issues requiring Government action to draw clear parallels with the impact analysis provided for each option.
 - The RIS contains comprehensive information on the issues needing resolution and the rationale for Government action, particularly in relation to: better recognising the vulnerable nature of students aged under 18 by strengthening requirements on providers to regularly check the appropriateness of welfare requirements; and addressing workplace exploitation of overseas students through improved information provision by providers (pages 5 and 6).
- The RIS clearly sets out how the preferred option benefits students and reflects the concerns raised through consultation. It clarifies where certain proposals, such as those relating to student transfers, may provide a benefit to students; and contains additional detail on how the input from students during the consultation period was incorporated into the final version of the National Code (pages 21, 28 and 30).

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the RIS is compliant with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulation*.

Opportunity through learning

I submit the draft RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely

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David Learmonth

16 August 2017