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Dear Mr Lange

Post-implementation Review – Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement

I am writing in relation to the attached draft Post-implementation Review (PIR) prepared by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement.

I am satisfied that the draft PIR meets the Government's best practice regulation requirements, in particular that:

- the problem which was addressed and the objectives of government action are well articulated;
- the evidence and analysis of the impacts is adequate and presented in a balanced way;
- the regulatory costs have been quantified as per the Commonwealth Regulatory Burden Measurement Framework;
- the findings from consultation are presented in a balanced way; and
- the conclusion is supported by the analysis in the PIR.

I submit the PIR to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for formal assessment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Ward'.

Elizabeth Ward
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