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Dear Mr Lange

Regulation Impact Statement –final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for *Broadcasting Services Amendment (Regional Commercial Radio and Other Measures) Bill 2020*.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 4 May 2020. Specifically, the Department has:

- acknowledged that there is limited publicly available information to assess the profitability of regional and remote broadcasters and how the relevant regulation impacts upon that profitability;
- demonstrated why there is a risk of further quota breaches by a broader set of regional and remote broadcasters than just the 12 that breached in 2017;
- acknowledged those instances where the Department does not have evidence to support an assertion;
- clarified that sufficient quantitative evidence is not currently available to justify a change to the status quo, but that a change is still recommended on the basis of media industry trends.

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 'Ben Phelps', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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