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**Dear Mr Lange**

I refer to recent communication between the OBPR and FSANZ in relation to pregnancy warning labels.

I would like to confirm that FSANZ has relied upon the OBPR's assessment that the Food Regulation Standing Committee Decision Regulation Impact Statement on pregnancy warning labels on packaged alcoholic beverages (October 2018) (the DRIS) satisfied the COAG Best Practice Regulation Guide requirements for this matter (OBPR Ref. No. 23270). In addition FSANZ has undertaken additional economic analysis to ensure the requirements of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* have been met.

The advice from the OBPR, in an email dated 9 October 2018, stated that as FSANZ had been specifically tasked by a Ministerial Council the OBPR would not expect a further RIS over and above the DRIS for the best way to implement pregnancy warning labelling.

It is FSANZ's view that our advice that has been provided to decision makers since the provision of the DRIS is aligned with and support the recommendations of the DRIS.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Booth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Mark Booth**  
Chief Executive Officer

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