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Dear Ms Rishniw

Regulation Impact Statement – Second-Pass Final Assessment – Ensuring a Sustainable Hearing Services Program

Thank you for your letter received on 1 October 2020 submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on the Hearing Services Program for formal Second-Pass Final Assessment.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation's assessment is that the quality of the regulatory impact analysis in the RIS is adequate to meet the Australian Government's RIS requirements. While the analysis in the RIS is sufficient to inform a final decision, further depth of analysis of the impacts on businesses and individuals would have been required to meet the standard of good practice. In addition, it would have been consistent with good practice for consultation to have been undertaken before a decision was taken.

The RIS may now be provided to the decision-maker to inform their decision.

We would appreciate you advising us when a final decision has been announced and forwarding a copy of the RIS in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements. The OBPR will publish the RIS, along with your certification and this assessment, on the OBPR's website www.ris.pmc.gov.au.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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

Adam Sheppard
A/g Executive Director
2 October 2020