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Dear Mr Penprase

Regulation Impact Statement – Second-Pass Final Assessment – Screen Content Reforms

Thank you for forwarding a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) for second-pass final assessment on 29 September 2020 examining reforms to Australian screen content obligations.

The OBPR's final assessment is that the RIS is adequate against the Government's impact analysis requirements.

The OBPR considers that a higher level of analysis is required for the RIS to be consistent with good practice. In particular, the RIS should have further explored what level of Australian drama, documentary and children's content is sufficient to derive the cultural and public benefits sought, compared to what the market would provide without regulatory intervention. This would then inform whether the preferred points-based system is capable of achieving those aims. Noting this, OBPR acknowledges the extensive consultation that has occurred throughout the policy development process, providing stakeholders the opportunity to question and challenge the design of the policy and its impacts.

The RIS will be published upon announcement of the policy, together with your certification letter and our final assessment.

The OBPR's reference number for this matter is 42957. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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