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Dear Mr Mason

Regulation Impact Statement – Proposed changes to the Telecommunications in New Developments policy – Second Pass Final Assessment

Thank you for submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) examining proposed changes to the Telecommunications in New Developments (TIND) policy on 18 September 2020.

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

The OBPR considers that, while the analysis presented is of a high standard, to be consistent with good practice, the RIS should have been submitted to OBPR for second pass final assessment before the announcement of changes to the TIND policy. Despite this, we acknowledge that the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts (as the final decision maker) was provided with and noted the RIS (a draft of which had previously been considered by OBPR as having met the required standard of analysis) before the final TIND policy was agreed and announced.

We would appreciate you forwarding us a copy of the RIS in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements. The OBPR's reference number for this matter is 42646. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director

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