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Dear Mr Hallinan,

# Regulation Impact Statement - Final Assessment – Athens Convention

Thank you for submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) examining whether Australia should accede to the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea 1974, as amended by the 2002 Protocol (Athens Convention) for final assessment on 21 August 2020.

The OBPR’s final assessment is that the Department of Instructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications is compliant with the Government’s requirements and that the RIS is consistent with good practice. We appreciate the excellent level of engagement throughout the process. The RIS addresses the seven RIS questions and follows an appropriate policy development process commensurate with the significance of the problem and magnitude of the proposed intervention. The RIS may now be provided to the decision maker to inform a final decision.

We would appreciate you advising us when a final decision on this proposal has been announced and 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 25252. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director

Office of Best Practice Regulation

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