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Dear Mr Ablong

#### **Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Assessment – Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Systems of National Significance regulatory reforms**

Thank you for your letter received on 30 November 2020 submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on CISIONS for formal Second Pass Final Assessment. I note the RIS has been formally certified at the Deputy Secretary level consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulatory Impact Analysis*. The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) acknowledges Home Affairs's efforts and engagement in developing the RIS.

The OBPR's assessment is that the quality of the regulatory impact analysis in the RIS and the RIS process itself is adequate. The OBPR notes the RIS addresses the seven RIS questions, including in both quantitative and qualitative terms.

However, given the significance of the package of reforms, the RIS would have benefited from being released for consultation which would have allowed stakeholders to verify the accuracy of the regulatory costings and assumptions, as well as the broader impact analysis.

As noted in the RIS, a post-implementation review will be required for completion, within five years of implementation of the sector-specific regulations.

The OBPR notes future impacts associated with the sector-specific regulations will be assessed by way of a second full RIS(s), as these obligations are developed in the first half of 2021. The RIS(s) will need to be supported by detailed articulation of the costs and benefits of the sector-specific regulations.

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](http://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 'Jason Lange', written in a cursive style.

Jason Lange  
Executive Director  
1 December 2020