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Mr James Baxter
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Dear Mr Baxter,

Regulation Impact Statement – Second-Pass Final Assessment – Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (RCEP)

Thank you for submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) examining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement for second-pass final assessment on 24 July 2020.

The OBPR's final assessment is that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is compliant with the Government's requirements and that the RIS is consistent with best practice. The RIS may now be provided to the decision maker to inform a final decision.

Under the Australian Government's Regulatory Impact Analysis framework, the RIS used to inform decision making will be made public on the OBPR's website, to inform stakeholders and the public about the information available and anticipated impacts. While some limited circumstances exist for a RIS to be modified after a decision has been made (but before public release), such occurrences are extremely rare and are considered by the OBPR on a case by case basis.

We would appreciate you advising us when a final decision on this proposal has been announced, and providing us Word and PDF versions of the RIS that meet the Australian Government's accessibility requirements.

The OBPR's reference number for this matter is 25475. 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'.

Jason Lange
Executive Director
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