



Australian Government

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Dear Mr Lange

**Regulation Impact Statement – Proposed amendments to Part 20A of the
Telecommunications Act 1997 to reduce delays and costs to consumers –
Second Pass Final Assessment**

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for proposed amendments to Part 20A of the *Telecommunications Act 1997* to reduce delays and costs to consumers.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 12 November 2020. Specifically, the RIS has been amended to include the estimated net benefit for each option (relative to the status quo), and has also been amended to clarify that option 4 may not completely solve the problem identified in the RIS if parties subject to the proposed law choose not to comply with it, although they would be subject to enforcement action.

The regulatory savings from the preferred approach are estimated at around \$3.9 million per year, and result from the net reduction in costs for consumers from retrofitting where unincorporated developers may not have installed pit and pipe prior to selling or leasing premises in new developments.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the RIS is now consistent with the six principles for Australian Government policy makers as specified in the *Australian Government Guide to Regulatory Impact Analysis*.

I submit the RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip Mason', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Philip Mason
Assistant Secretary
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17 November 2020