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Dear Mr Lange

# Certification of RIS-like process: Planning the 2 GHz band

I am writing to certify that the ACMA’s 2 GHz band planning process (2 GHz review) has undertaken a process and analysis equivalent to a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS). This review included development of the following three papers (attached), each of which advanced the review to a further stage of the ACMA’s spectrum band replanning process:

* Planning of the 2 GHz band: discussion paper (published August 2019)
* Replanning the 2 GHz band: options paper (published July 2020)
* Replanning the 2 GHz band: outcomes paper (approved by the ACMA Authority 10 December 2020; expected publication before 24 December 2020)

I certify that these documents adequately address all seven RIS questions, and is submitted to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for the purposes of a final policy decision.

I am satisfied that the scope of the problem and the recommendations identified in the certified review are substantially the same as the identified problem and recommendations in the policy proposal.

The regulatory burden to business, community organisations or individuals is quantified using the Australian Government’s *Regulatory Burden Measurement* framework and is provided below.

I note that the implementation of this proposal will increase the regulatory burden as summarised in the table below. These expected costs stem from incumbent television outside broadcast services relocating to other frequency bands and purchasing compatible equipment in order to continue their operations.

| Regulatory burden estimate table  Average annual regulatory costs (from business as usual) | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Change in costs | Business | Community organisations | Individuals | Total change in costs |
| Total, by sector | $110,000–$190,000 | $0 | $0 | $110,000–$190,000 |

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the three papers comprising the 2 GHz review are consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulatory Impact Analysis*.

Yours sincerely

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