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Dear Mr Lange

AUSTRALIAN POSTAL CORPORATION REGULATIONS 1996

I write regarding the Australian Postal Corporation Regulations 1996 (the 1996 Regulation), which, as per the *Legislation Act 2003*, had been scheduled to sunset on 1 April 2021. It has been decided that the instrument is to be remade without significant amendment as the Australian Postal Corporation Regulations 2021 (the Regulation).

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications certifies that the 1996 Regulation is operating effectively and efficiently within the framework of the *Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989* (the Act), and therefore a Regulation Impact Statement is not required for the 1996 Regulation to be remade. Part 2 of the Regulation establishes procedures and record keeping requirements for articles removed from the course of carriage when they are reasonably believed to contain certain drugs, other chemical compounds or quarantine material. Part 3 of the Regulation establishes procedures for the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to inquire into disputes about the rate reduction applied by Australia Post for a bulk interconnection service.

The assessment that the 1996 Regulation is operating effectively and efficiently was informed by a public consultation process advertised on the Department's *Have Your Say* webpage from 25 January to 15 February 2021 (no submissions were received) and direct consultation with the Treasury; Attorney-General's Department; Department of Home Affairs; Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment; State Government entities referenced in the 1996 Regulation; ACCC; and Australia Post. Regard has been given to their views in making the Regulation. A number of possible reforms were identified, however these would require changes to the enabling legislation, specifically Part 7B of the Act, and will be explored further with affected parties.

I note that the regulatory burden to business, community organisations or individuals has not been quantified, as the Regulation is being remade with no significant changes.

I acknowledge that OBPR will publish this letter for transparency purposes.

Yours sincerely

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