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Mr Dean Knudson  
Deputy Secretary  
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Dear Mr Knudson

**Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Final Assessment – Ratification of the Minamata Convention on Mercury**

Thank you for your letter of 14 December 2020 submitting the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on the Ratification of the Minamata Convention on Mercury 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*.

I appreciate the Department's constructive engagement on the RIS, in particular the work gone in to updating the previous version of the RIS prepared and assessed in 2018.

Our assessment is that the quality of the regulatory impact analysis in the RIS is consistent with good practice.

The RIS addresses the seven RIS questions and follows an appropriate policy development process commensurate with the significance of the problem and magnitude of the proposed intervention.

The RIS may now be provided to the decision-maker to inform a final decision. We would appreciate you advising us when a final decision has been announced by the Australian Government. Following announcement, we would appreciate you forwarding to us a copy of the RIS in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements.

We will then publish the RIS, along with your certification and this assessment, on our website at: [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'.

Jason Lange  
Executive Director  
15 December 2020