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Mr Rob Heferen  
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Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Dear Mr Heferen

### **Independent review – Higher Education Provider Category Standards**

Thank you for your letter received on 25 August certifying that the independent review of the Higher Education Provider Category Standards undertook a process and analysis equivalent to a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS).

The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) does not assess the quality of analysis contained in independent reviews, but does assess whether the options analysed in the independent review are relevant to the regulatory proposal and whether regulatory costs have been identified.

The OBPR's assessment is that the options analysed in the independent review are sufficiently relevant to the regulatory proposal.

The OBPR also notes the Department has estimated that the proposal will decrease regulatory burden by \$0.95 million a year.

The certified independent review is suitable to be provided to the decision-maker to inform final decision on the proposal.

We would appreciate you advising us when a final decision on this proposal has been announced and forwarding a copy of the independent review, and certification letter in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements. We will then publish the RIS on the OBPR's website [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  
27 August 2020