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Dear Mr Lange

**Regulation Impact Statement – Amendments to the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* – Second Pass Final Assessment**

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for amendments being proposed to provisions of the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* (BSA) concerning the making of population determinations under section 30 of the Act and the current operation of the related grandfathering provisions contained in subsection 43C(4) and section 52.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the feedback provided by your office. Specifically, legal evidence of the policy intention supporting the proposed amendments, advice on the operations of the provisions from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), and review of the costs and benefits for the proposed options.

There are no regulatory costs for the preferred option, which proposes to modify existing regulation and reduce the regulatory burden to licensees over a five year period. This option will not impose any additional compliance costs on licensees (commercial radio broadcasters) beyond what is already required until the sunseting of the proposed grandfathering amendments in 2026.

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



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