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Ms Penny Shakespeare  
Deputy Secretary  
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Department of Health

Dear Ms Shakespeare

**Regulation Impact Statement – Second-Pass Final Assessment – Improving the Private Health Insurance Prostheses List**

Thank you for your letter received on 6 May 2021, submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on Improving the Private Health Insurance Prostheses List to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) 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*.

The OBPR's assessment is that the quality of the regulatory impact analysis in the RIS is adequate to meet the Australian Government's RIS requirements. While the analysis in the RIS is sufficient to inform a final decision, to be consistent with good practice the RIS would have required greater depth of analysis of the costs and benefits of each option for affected businesses and individuals, including consumers. It also could have provided a stronger evidence base to support a number of the assertions made.

The RIS may now be provided to the decision-maker to inform their decision.

We would appreciate you advising us when a final decision has been announced and forwarding a copy of the RIS in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements. The OBPR will publish the RIS, along with your certification and this assessment, on the OBPR's website <https://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', written in a cursive style.

Jason Lange  
Executive Director  
7 May 2021