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Dear Mr Tongue

Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Assessment – Pratique and Human Health

Thank you for your letter received on 27 August 2021 submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on *Pratique and Human Health: Amendments to the Biosecurity Act 2015* 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.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation's assessment is that the quality of the regulatory impact analysis in the RIS is good practice and therefore sufficient to inform a decision.

The analysis in the RIS is good quality overall. 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. In order to have achieved an 'exemplary' assessment, the RIS would have needed to more definitively demonstrate the claim that the benefits outweigh quantifiable increases in the regulatory burden for businesses.

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://obpr.pmc.gov.au/>.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Jason Lange
Executive Director
27 August 2021