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Dear Mr Lange

**REGULATION IMPACT STATEMENT – PRATIQUE AND HUMAN HEALTH– SECOND PASS
FINAL ASSESSMENT**

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the Biosecurity Amendment (Enhanced Risk Management) Bill 2021 – Pratique and Human Health.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 27 August 2021. Specifically, Option 2 has been described in more detail and the benefits and impacts of all three options have been addressed more comprehensively to ensure proportionate treatment of all options. Changes have also been made to improve readability, such as moving detailed information about regulatory costs to appendices.

The regulatory costs are \$0.275 million per year. The increased regulatory burden is offset, at least partly, by anticipated savings due to the more nuanced human health risk management regime in which some level of disembarkation and loading and unloading can occur according to the assessment of risk. Ship owners incur additional costs due to delays arising from negative pratique, including the ship operating costs and the costs of holding inventory. Allowing pratique to be granted while managing the human health risks reduces these costs as the ship can berth and unload goods and possibly some passengers. The quantum of savings cannot be estimated with any certainty, due to the number of variables and absence of relevant data.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Tongue', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Tongue
Deputy Secretary
27 August 2021