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Dear Mr Windeyer

Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Final Assessment – Improving the telecommunications power and immunities framework, Tranche One amendments

Thank you for your letter received on 22 October 2021 submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on ‘Improving the telecommunications power and immunities framework – Tranche One amendments’ 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 (OBPR’s) assessment is that the quality of the regulatory impact analysis in the RIS is adequate and therefore sufficient to inform a decision.

To be considered ‘good practice’ as per the *Australian Government Guide to Regulatory Impact Analysis*, the RIS would have benefitted from a clearer framework between the government objectives and how the proposed options address both the objectives and the problem; along with a stronger discussion on how the proposal is to be implemented including evaluation requirements and measures of success.

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

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jason Lange'.

Jason Lange
Executive Director
25 October 2021