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Dear Mr Lange

Regulation Impact Statement - Maximising the Contribution of Priority Economic Cohorts- Second Pass Final Assessment

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the *Maximising the Contribution of Priority Economic Migrants* proposal.

The revised proposal is now being brought forward as part of the *Reopening the International Border* submission. I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 2 August 2021 in regards to the previous *Unlock skills and labour for temporary visa holders in Australia* proposal, where there is available evidence. Specifically,

- the RIS refers to additional literature sources regarding the impacts of migration.
- the RIS refers to additional information regarding consultation with a range of stakeholders, where feasible and
- the previous proposal was informed by a draft RIS that had not been finalised and assessed by the OBPR

The regulatory savings are \$14.9 million per year.

The policy problem and circumstances are such that fewer than three options are feasible for consideration. Option 2 includes visa measures for both offshore and onshore migrants to provide a complete package of proposals, and compliments work underway by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment to mobilise Australians.

Given the timing constraints associated with the finalisation of this analysis, the Department of Home Affairs did not request permission to release the specific feedback of various stakeholders. As these stakeholders provided views in confidence the RIS is unable to demonstrate in more detail how the views of affected stakeholder groups have been considered and incorporated.

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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.



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Deputy Secretary
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