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Dear Mr Tongue

Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Assessment – Australian Biofouling Management Requirements for International Vessel Arrivals

Thank you for your letter received on 12 August 2021 submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on Australian Biofouling Management Requirements for International Vessel Arrivals for formal First 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 and the opportunity for the OBPR to informally review earlier drafts.

The OBPR's final assessment is that the quality of the regulatory impact analysis presented in the RIS is adequate. While the RIS is sufficient to inform a decision, it was not able to demonstrate net benefit by quantifying potential changes in the number of pests and diseases approaching the border for each of the policy options.

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

Please advise us when a final decision on this proposal has been announced so that we can publish the RIS on our website. We also ask that you provide a copy of the RIS meeting the Government's accessibility requirements for publication. 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'.

Jason Lange
Executive Director
13 August 2021