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Dear Mr Lange

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

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for Australian biofouling management requirements for international vessel arrivals.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 29 June 2021. Specifically, the status quo is now presented as having zero additional regulatory costs and the regulatory costs of other policy options are presented as the increase from the status quo.

The regulatory costs are \$0.882 million per year. Offsets have not been included in this RIS as the Department no longer maintains records of offsets.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Tongue', written over a blue ink scribble.

Andrew Tongue
Deputy Secretary
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