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Dear Ms Long

Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Final Assessment – Options to Manage the Impacts of the Emissions Reduction Fund on Regional Communities

Thank you for your letter received on 4 February 2022 submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on Options to Manage the Impacts of the Emissions Reduction Fund on Regional Communities 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 assessment is that the quality of the regulatory impact analysis in the RIS is adequate and therefore sufficient to inform a decision.

To achieve a good practice assessment as per the *Australian Government Guide to Regulatory Impact Analysis*, the RIS would have benefitted from:

- Additional evidence on the historical relationship between Emissions Reduction Fund projects and any unintended negative social, economic and environmental impacts in regional communities.
- Further quantification of impacts and associated presentation of a net benefit figure for each option.

Next steps

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

After a final decision has been announced, I ask that your agency work with OBPR to finalise this material for public release. This includes providing a copy of the RIS in Word and PDF format for web accessibility purposes. The OBPR will publish the RIS, along with your certification and this assessment, on the OBPR 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, appearing to read 'Jason Lange'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Jason' written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name 'Lange'.

Jason Lange
Executive Director
9 February 2022