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Mr Richard Windeyer
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Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Dear Mr Windeyer,

## Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Final Assessment – Telecommunications Amendment (Local Access Lines—Class Exemptions) Regulations 2022

Thank you for your letter received on 25 January 2022 submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on *Telecommunications Amendment (Local Access Lines—Class Exemptions) Regulations 2022* 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 Department provided the RIS for First Pass Assessment on 23 November 2021 and the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) completed the First Pass Assessment on 29 November 2021.

The 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 included more evidence to support claims made in the problem section, identified the underlying assumptions made in the impacts section and provided more detail on how this policy will be evaluated after implementation.

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 <a href="https://obpr.pmc.gov.au/">https://obpr.pmc.gov.au/</a>.

Yours, sincerely

Jason Lange

Executive Director 1 February 2022