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Dear Mr Lange

As the formal representative of the 2019 National Quality Framework (NQF) Review Subgroup, I am writing on behalf of all States and Territories to submit the attached Decision Regulation Impact Statement (DRIS) to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) for formal assessment.

This DRIS contains a number of endorsed changes to the NQF for early childhood education and care. The NQF includes the *Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010*, the *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*, the assessment and quality rating process, and national learning frameworks.

Thank you for OBPR’s helpful feedback on earlier drafts. The revised DRIS addresses this feedback by clarifying the issues and the impacts of proposed and endorsed options for stakeholders across the early childhood sector. I am satisfied that the DRIS meets the Australian Government’s requirements for best practice regulation impact analysis.

Yours sincerely



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