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Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Dear Ms Purvis-Smith

**Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Assessment – Australia’s Accession to the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks**

Thank you for your letter received on 10 November 2022, submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) for formal Second Pass Assessment. I note the RIS has been formally certified by you, consistent with the delegation arrangement under the *Australian Government Guide to Regulatory Impact Analysis*.

I appreciate the Department’s consistent and constructive engagement on the RIS and its strong commitment to providing the best possible evidence and analysis to support the deliberative processes of government for this proposal. The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) acknowledges that the Department has ensured all feedback was addressed in this final version.

The OBPR’s assessment is that the analysis in the RIS is of a very high quality and has achieved an *exemplary* rating. This is reflective of the very high standard of analysis and evidence presented. This is the first RIS across the APS this year that has achieved an exemplary rating and is a significant achievement in demonstrating the capacity of your team to prepare first class analysis in support of a regulatory proposal.

The Department has presented a RIS of a high standard that includes:

- A well-defined problem section outlining the scale and scope of the issue using detailed research and analysis.
- A robust analysis of impacts that is supported with a cost-benefit analysis and quantified data. Where the impacts were difficult to quantify, the Department sought to find qualitative data to support the overall argument.

- Consultation that was conducted in good faith, considering the views of stakeholders. Their feedback was used to contribute to the formation of the final policy options.

### **Next steps**

After a final decision has been announced, I ask that your agency work with the 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 RIS must be included in any Explanatory Memorandum or Statement giving effect to the proposals in the RIS.

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', written in a cursive style.

Jason Lange  
Executive Director  
16 November 2022