



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Social Services**

Mr Jason Lange  
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Dear Mr Lange

**Impact Analysis – Additional Support for Single Parents – Second Pass Final Assessment**

I am writing in relation to the attached Impact Analysis prepared for the Additional Support for Single Parents measure.

I am satisfied that the Impact Analysis is consistent with the six principles for Australian Government policy makers, as specified in the *Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis*.

The chosen option will expand eligibility for Parenting Payment (Single) to 57,000 single principal carers with a dependent child aged under 14 and currently on JobSeeker Payment. The measure which will cost around \$1.9 billion over four years, will provide beneficiaries with an increase in their maximum basic payment of around \$4,600 per annum. The measure would allow current and future Parenting Payment (Single) recipients to remain on the payment for longer, allowing them more financial support as their youngest child adjusts to the first year of high school.

This measure was chosen on the basis that Government has a responsibility to provide an appropriate safety net to single principal carers with dependent children through the social security system. The current system is deemed inadequate to achieve that objective. This option was chosen over other options as it provides a greater level of targeted support to a large cohort of single principal carers through an existing payment.

I submit the Impact Analysis for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matt Flavel'.

Matt Flavel  
Deputy Secretary  
Department of Social Services

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