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Ms Mary Wiley-Smith Deputy Secretary

Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources Dear Ms Wiley-Smith

**Regulation Impact Statement – Second Pass Final Assessment – Reforming Australia’s Measurement Legislation**

Thank you for your letter received on 6 October 2021 submitting a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) on Reforming Australia’s Measurement Legislation for formal Second Pass Final Assessment. I note you have formally certified the RIS, consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulatory Impact Analysis*.

I greatly appreciate the Department’s constructive engagement on the RIS over an extended period of time. It is clear that the drafting team have put considerable effort and resources into developing a modernised reform package that is extensively underpinned by research, analysis and engagement with stakeholders.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation’s (OBPR’s) assessment is that the quality of the regulatory impact analysis in the RIS is exemplary. The rating is of particular note because this RIS is the first to achieve an exemplary rating since the revised rating framework was introduced in March 2020. I also note the RIS conducted a comprehensive consultation exercise despite travel and face-to-face meeting restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The RIS contains exceptionally high quality analysis for each of the seven RIS questions and demonstrates the commitment of the Department to developing, publicly testing, and refining its approach to identify the best possible option in each scenario. The processes followed to develop the RIS were also exceptional. In particular, OBPR is of the view the RIS is particularly strong in its:

* approach to setting out government objectives and thoroughly testing each proposal in the RIS against those objectives;
* methodology for setting out the costs and benefits, quantifying in all practicable circumstances, undertaking qualitative analysis in all other circumstances, and testing the results extensively with stakeholders;
* targeting of the RIS at a range of audiences depending on the proposal discussed and

the inclusion of clear and concise case studies where appropriate;

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* + approach to refining content to reflect feedback; and
	+ extensive discussion of implementation arrangements and challenges. The RIS may now be provided to the decision-maker to inform a final 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 for publication on our website along with your certification and this assessment.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours sincerely



Jason Lange Executive Director 19 October 2021