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Dear Mr Lange,

Regulation Impact Statement – final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for area-wide licences (AWLs) in remote areas of the 3.4-4GHz band. The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been quantified and offsets have been identified and quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework. These have been previously agreed with your office.

I am satisfied that the RIS details the regulatory analysis and impacts of the AWL proposals and addresses the 7 RIS questions, including the suggestions raised in your letter of 30 September 2022. Specifically, the RIS:

- in section 1 provides additional evidence around demand for wireless broadband services and implications of not taking action to accommodate demand for these services.
- In section 4 quantifies affected stakeholders.
- In section 4 provides quantification of additional costs that affect stakeholders under the considered options.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the RIS now meets best practice consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulation*.

I submit the RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely,

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