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Deputy Secretary  
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Department of Health and Aged Care

Dear Ms Rishniw

**Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Tobacco Control (Thematic Review) Bill 2022**

Thank you for your letter of 11 September 2023, submitting an Impact Analysis (IA) on the Tobacco Control (Thematic Review) Bill 2022 for formal Second Pass Final Assessment. I note the IA has been formally certified at the Deputy Secretary level consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis*.

The Office of Impact Analysis' (OIA's) assessment is that the quality of the analysis in the IA is 'exemplary'. Particularly strong sections included the:

- problem definition, which outlined a strong case for strengthening the Australian Government's tobacco control regulatory framework in order to meet the *National Tobacco Strategy 2023-2030* targets;
- justification of Government intervention, which was well supported by a discussion of the medium and long-term objectives of Government action; and
- exploration of measures to address the problem, which looked at a wide range of policy responses and outlined the Government's policy options in detail.

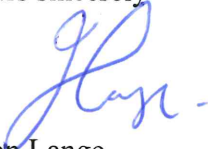
I appreciate the Department's constructive engagement with the OIA on the IA, particularly where sections were refined to improve the quality of analysis.

**Next steps**

After a final decision has been announced, I ask that your agency work with OIA to finalise this material for public release. This includes providing a copy of the IA in Word and PDF format for web accessibility purposes. The IA must be included in any Explanatory Memorandum or Statement giving effect to the proposals in the IA.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Lange', with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Jason Lange  
Executive Director  
Office of Impact Analysis  
12 September 2023