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Dear Mr Lange

**Safer Freight Vehicles: Impact Analysis of Options for Maximum Overall Width –
Second Pass Final Assessment**

I am writing to you in relation to the attached Impact Analysis (IA) prepared on options to increase the maximum overall width limit for safer freight vehicles (OIA Reference: 21-01048).

I am satisfied that the IA addresses the comments raised in your letter of 7 December 2022. Specifically, it:

- Further justifies the methodology used to calculate quantifiable impacts by including figures to show the modelled take-up of safer wider goods vehicles and trailers (in volume and percentage terms) for each year during the expected 15-year policy life, as well as the cumulative benefits and costs at each year of the analysis period.
- Provides further information to justify different vehicle modification savings assumed for goods vehicles under the 2.55 m and 2.60 m width options.
- More explicitly states how particular end users are affected by the problem and would benefit under each of the proposed options, including the likely flow on impacts for heavy vehicle operators, businesses which rely on road freight transport, and consumers.
- Explains how input from the members of the department's Strategic Vehicle Safety and Environment Group was used to shape the options in the earlier discussion paper and the IA, as well as how each option could achieve the stated policy objectives, including limitations.
- Clarifies why transitional arrangements are not needed for existing models – the recommended option would allow for safer wider goods vehicles that are not yet available for operators to purchase and use in Australia.

- Identifies the most likely implementation risks, and further explains how the outcomes from implementation of the recommended option will be monitored and evaluated over time to ensure suitability against the policy objectives.

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

I submit the IA to the Office of Impact Analysis for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely



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