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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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Dear Mr Lange

I am writing in relation to the attached Impact Analysis (IA) prepared for the signing of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) Supply Chain Agreement.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has worked closely with the Office of Impact Analysis (OIA) to prepare the Impact Analysis for the Second Pass Final Assessment. I would like to thank your team for their engagement and support during this process.

I am satisfied that the IA addresses the issues raised in your letter of 3 October 2023.

Specifically, DFAT has made the following changes to the IA to reflect OIA comments:

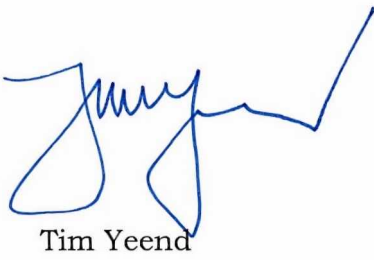
- More clearly articulated which stakeholders are affected by the problem identified, how they will be impacted and what the proposed options to address the problem are
- Developed further evidence and more clearly explained costs and benefits in Question 4
- Used subheadings and a more detailed table to provide more structure to the costs and benefits analysis to better support the conclusion of a net benefit
- Included a description of the status of IA at each previous decision point in the proposal's development.

More detailed explanations of how DFAT has sought to address comments from OIA is in Attachment A.

I believe the IA meets the requirements set out in the Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis and is consistent with the six principles for Australian Government policy makers.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Yeend', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Tim Yeend