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Professor Anthony Lawler  
Deputy Secretary  
Health Products Regulation Group  
Department of Health and Aged Care

Dear Professor Lawler,

**Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Proposed Reforms to the Regulation of Vaping Products**

Thank you for your letter of 9 October 2023 submitting an Impact Analysis (IA) 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 Guide).

I appreciate the Department's constructive engagement on the IA. The Office of Impact Analysis' (OIA's) assessment is that the quality of the analysis in the IA is 'good practice'.

The IA addresses the seven IA questions and follows an appropriate policy development process commensurate with the significance of the problem and magnitude of the proposed intervention. In particular, the IA has done an exceptional job of explaining how the Government will implement the recommended option, including a detailed implementation plan for this complex proposal.

To have been assessed as 'exemplary' under the Guide, the IA would have needed improvement across all questions but would have benefited most from further detailed analysis of the evaluation activity and of alternatives to Government action.

The IA may now be provided to the decision-maker to inform their decision.

**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 black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Lange'.

Jason Lange  
Executive Director  
Office of Impact Analysis  
10 October 2023