



Mr Sean Sullivan
Deputy Secretary
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Dear Mr Sullivan

Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Commercial Fishing Vessel Monitoring Systems in Australian Marine Parks: Impact analysis

Thank you for your letter received 8 March 2024 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.

I appreciate the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's constructive engagement on the IA. The Office of Impact Analysis (OIA) acknowledges the Department has ensured all feedback was addressed in this final version.

The OIA's assessment is that the information and analysis contained in the IA is proportionate to the scale of the problem and has achieved an *Exemplary* rating.

The Department has presented an IA of a high standard that includes:

- A well-defined problem section outlining the scale and scope of the issue, supported by international research and analysis (noting the 'Blue Water Crime' and 'Paper Park Index' papers referenced in the IA)
- Establishing the need for government intervention by describing the expected impact of maintaining the status quo (no policy change option) and presenting a range of alternative policy options.
- Robust estimates of the regulatory cost to industry and indicative quantification of ecological benefits.

Next steps

After a final decision has been announced, I ask that your agency work with the 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 that reads "DCraig". The letters are cursive and fluid, with the "D" and "C" being particularly prominent.

Daniel Craig
A/g Executive Director
Office of Impact Analysis
15 March 2024