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Dear Professor Lawler

Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Proposed Adoption of the Australian and New Zealand Sunscreen Standard AS/NZA 2604:2021

Thank you for your letter of 30 January 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 Health and Aged Care's (the Department's) constructive engagement on the IA. The Office of Impact Analysis' (OIA) assessment is that the quality of the analysis in the IA is 'adequate'.

While the IA has a strong analysis of the policy problems and the need for Government intervention, to be considered 'good practice' as per the Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis, the IA would have benefitted from:

- Further detailing the likely costs and benefits to stakeholders from the new standards (particularly with respect to the health benefits that consumers may experience).
- Providing further detail on the government's objectives in responding to the policy problem identified (e.g. improved public health outcomes), explaining potential barriers to the government meeting its objectives, and outlining strategies to mitigate the risk the government's objectives are not achieved.
- Including further detail in the evaluation plan on the ways in which the Department would evaluate the effectiveness of the new standards with respect to the government's objectives for the new standards.

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 Department 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, appearing to read 'Mick Graham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mick Graham
A/g Executive Director
Office of Impact Analysis
6 February 2024