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Dear Mr Craig

**CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PANEL REPORT AS EQUIVALENT TO AN
IMPACT ANALYSIS: *PHASE OUT OF LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS BY SEA***

I am writing to certify that the attached independent panel report has undertaken a process equivalent to an Impact Analysis (IA). This follows prior agreement from the Office of Impact Analysis on 16 November 2023 that the report does not require additional analysis prior to being certified.

I certify that the independent panel report adequately addresses all seven IA questions, and is submitted to the Office of Impact Analysis for the purposes of a final policy decision.

I am satisfied that the scope of the problem and the recommendations identified in the certified report are substantially the same as the identified problem and recommendations in the policy proposal. I further certify that different policy options are examined to deliver on the 2022 election commitment to phase out live sheep exports by sea from Australia.

The regulatory burden to business, community organisations or individuals is quantified using the Australian Government's *Regulatory Burden Measurement* framework and is provided below. I note that the implementation of this proposal will have a zero net regulatory burden.

Regulatory burden estimate table

Average annual regulatory costs (from business as usual)

Change in costs (\$ million)	Business	Community organisations	Individuals	Total change in costs
Total, by sector	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the attached report is consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MK', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Koval
A/g Deputy Secretary
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