



Mr Ben Rimmer
Deputy Secretary
Department of Education

Dear Mr Rimmer

Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Improving Integrity in the International Education Sector

Thank you for your letter of 7 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's constructive engagement on the IA. The Office of Impact Analysis' (OIA) assessment is that the quality of the analysis in the IA is 'Good practice'. The OIA notes the significant effort of the drafting team to improve the quality of the IA by a significant extent between the first and second pass assessments. The team has worked hard and engaged with the OIA's feedback at every step of the process and should be commended for their efforts.

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 is well-structured and contains an in-depth assessment of the costs and benefits of the proposal.

In order to achieve an assessment of Exemplary, the IA would have had to:

- further articulate the extent to which each option achieves the stated objectives;
- conduct further analysis on the costs and benefits of option 2, to enable a clearer comparison of the options; and
- have been submitted for Early Assessment.

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
8 March 2024