



Mr Daniel McCabe
Acting Deputy Secretary
Department of Health and Aged Care

Dear Mr McCabe

Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Privately Practising Midwives Access to Professional Indemnity and Midwife Professional Indemnity Run-off Cover Schemes

Thank you for your letter of 26 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 Health and Aged Care's constructive engagement on the IA.

The Office of Impact Analysis' (OIA) assessment is that 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 clearly articulated the policy problem, and successfully synthesised a range of stakeholder views in considering the proposed interventions.

To be assessed as 'Exemplary' under the Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis, the IA would have benefitted from a more rigorous implementation plan, including a comprehensive assessment of implementation risks; milestones and governance arrangements; and the specification of interim and final decision points. The IA would have also benefitted from clearer structure to enhance clarity and readability.

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 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.

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Office of Impact Analysis
26 March 2024