



Mr Tim Yeend  
Associate Secretary  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Dear Mr Yeend,

### **Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – IPEF Fair Economy Agreement**

Thank you for your letter of 19 March 2024 submitting an Impact Analysis (IA) for formal Second Pass Final Assessment. I note the IA has been formally certified at the Associate Secretary level consistent with the Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis.

I appreciate the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade'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 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 has a well-structured problem statement and presents a detailed summary of the policy options and how they would achieve the stated objectives.

In order to achieve the highest rating of 'exemplary', the IA would have had to:

- Further quantify the potential costs and benefits of the proposed options
- Identify implementation risks, including their likelihood and consequence, and the appropriate management approach
- Explained the importance of consultation to help shape options and/or understand the impacts.

### **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  
22 March 2024