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Dear Mr Kefford

Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Veterans' Compensation and Rehabilitation Legislation Reform

Thank you for your letter of 19 June 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 Veterans' Affairs 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 provides comprehensive reasoning that all viable options have been considered as well as a detailed discussion of the consultation process and how feedback informed the preferred option. To achieve 'Exemplary' the IA would have benefited from further detail on the specific impacts (quantified or qualified) of the options and a more comprehensive evaluation plan.

Next steps

After a final decision has been announced, I ask that your agency work with the OIA to finalise this material for publication on the OIA's website at oia.pmc.gov.au. This includes providing a copy of the IA in Word and PDF format for web accessibility purposes. The IA must also 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

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