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Dear Ms Abhayaratna

Impact Analysis – Online Misinformation and Disinformation Reform – Second Pass Final Assessment

I am writing in relation to the attached Impact Analysis (IA) prepared for the Communications Legislation Amendment (Combating Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill.

I am satisfied that the IA addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 8 August 2024. Specifically, information and further analysis has been added to:

- outline barriers and risks that could prevent Government from meeting its stated objectives and the strategies to mitigate these risks. In particular, clearly outlining the potential risk to over-censorship of content and how this is addressed in the Explanatory Memorandum
- outline key milestones for implementing the preferred option, including governance arrangements
- strengthen the section covering the proposed approach to evaluation of the effectiveness of the preferred option.

The regulatory costs are \$16.275m million per year.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the IA is now consistent with the six principles for Australian Government policy makers as specified in the *Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis*.

I submit the IA to the Office of Impact Analysis for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Chisholm', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Chisholm
Deputy Secretary
Communications and Media Group