



Ms Sarah Chidgey
Deputy Secretary
National Security and Criminal Justice Group
Attorney-General's Department

Dear Ms Chidgey

Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Reforming Australia’s Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing (AML/CTF) Regime

Thank you for your letter of 22 August 2024 submitting an Impact Analysis (IA) for formal Second Pass 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 Attorney-General’s 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 Exemplary. The process to develop the IA and the analysis across the seven IA questions was of particularly high standard. Of particular note, the IA included:

- a well-defined and clearly structured problem section, which provided a detailed explanation of the complexities and gaps in the existing AML/CTF regime
- robust analysis of the benefits and costs of each policy option, including the underpinning assumptions
- a detailed explanation of the consultation process, how stakeholder views shaped the options, and how the preferred option would be implemented.

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 release 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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