



Mr James Chisholm
Deputy Secretary, Communications and Media
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development,
Communications and the Arts

Dear Mr Chisholm

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

Thank you for your letter of 28 August 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 Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts' 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 analysis across the seven IA questions was of high standard. Of particular note, the IA includes a:

- clear articulation of the rationale for government intervention (including an assessment of any barriers to effective implementation) and the objectives of the proposed reform
- focus on consultation to consider the perspectives of industry participants and the community
- design and application of an analytical approach suitable for the consideration of complex policy parameters.

Next steps

After a final decision has been announced, I ask that your agency work with the OIA to finalise this analysis 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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