Ms Marissa Purvis-Smith
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Dear Ms Purvis-Smith

Certification of Impact Analysis Equivalent – Reforms to the Sydney Airport Demand Management Framework

Thank you for your letter of 23 September 2024 certifying the *2021 Review of the Sydney Airport Demand Management Scheme* and the Productivity Commission's 2019 *Economic Regulation of Airports* inquiry, together with the additional analysis attached to your 23 September 2024 correspondence, undertook a process and analysis equivalent to an Impact Analysis (IA).

The Office of Impact Analysis (OIA) acknowledges the certification as an Impact Analysis Equivalent (IAE). Under the *Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis*, the OIA does not assess the adequacy of the analysis contained in an IAE but does assess whether the options in the certified documents are relevant to the policy proposals. The OIA also assesses the IAE for the coverage of the seven IA questions and whether the IAE or certification letter identifies regulatory costs.

In this case, the OIA's assessment is that the options analysed in the IAE materials are sufficiently relevant to the proposals, noting the additional analysis prepared by the Department to address IA questions two, five, six and seven.

When the final decision has been announced, we would appreciate a copy of the IAE in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements. The OIA will publish the IAE, along with your certification, on the OIA's website at oia.pmc.gov.au. The IAE must also be included in any Explanatory Memorandum or Statement giving effect to the proposals in the IAE, as stipulated in the *User Guide to the Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis*.

Yours sincerely

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