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Dear Mr Hansford

Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Mandatory ransomware reporting obligation for businesses

Thank you for your letter of 9 September 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 Home Affairs' constructive engagement on the IA. The Office of Impact Analysis' (OIA's) 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 included a quality process for consulting with stakeholders on the proposed reforms.

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 formats 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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