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Mr Brenton Philp  
Deputy Secretary  
The Treasury

Dear Mr Philp

### **Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Merger Reform: A Faster, Stronger and Simpler System for a More Competitive Economy**

Thank you for your letter of 2 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 Treasury's constructive engagement on the IA. The Office of Impact Analysis' (OIA) 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 draws on a wide variety of sources to clearly identify the policy problem and considers implementation strategies.

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](http://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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