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Dear Mr Williamson

### Certification of Impact Analysis Equivalent – Electoral Expenditure and Gift Cap Reforms

Thank you for your letter of 3 September 2024 certifying the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (JSCEM) *Report into the conduct of the 2022 federal election and other matters interim and final Reports* as having undertaken a process and analysis equivalent to an Impact Analysis (IA).

The Office of Impact Analysis (OIA) acknowledges this 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 analysed in the certified documents are relevant to the policy proposal. The OIA also assesses the IAE for coverage of the seven IA questions and whether the IAE or certification letters identifies regulatory costs.

In this case, the OIA's assessment is that the options analysed in the IAE is sufficiently relevant to the proposal. I note your certification letter contains additional analysis prepared by the Department of Finance to further address IA question 7.

After a final decision has been announced, I ask that your agency work with the OIA to provide a copy of the IAE and certification letter in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements for publication on the OIA's website at [oia.pmc.gov.au](http://oia.pmc.gov.au). Please also note the IAE must 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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