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Dear Ms. O'Loughlin PSM

Certification of Impact Analysis Equivalent – Future use of the upper 6 GHz band

Thank you for your letter of 2 December 2024 certifying the *Options Paper: Future use of the upper 6 GHz band* and *Outcomes Paper: Future use of the upper 6 GHz band* 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 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 are sufficiently relevant to the proposal.

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. 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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