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Dear Ms Abhayaratna

Certification of sunset instrument – Family Law Regulations 1984

I am writing to the Office of Impact Analysis regarding the Family Law Regulations 1984, an instrument under the *Family Law Act 1975*, which, as per the *Legislation Act 2003*, has been scheduled to sunset on 1 April 2025. However, the Attorney-General's Department (the department) proposes that the instrument be remade without significant amendments as the Family Law Regulations 2024.

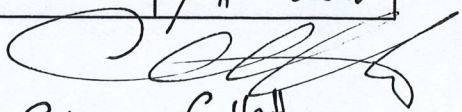
The department certifies that the Family Law Regulations 1984 are operating effectively and efficiently, and that therefore an Impact Analysis is not required for this instrument to be remade.

This assessment has been informed by a consultation process with key stakeholders, including legal organisations, state and territory departments, Commonwealth agencies and professional organisations. In addition to targeted consultation, public consultation on an exposure draft was held in August and September 2024.

I also note that the regulatory burden to people, business, or community organisations has been quantified using the Australian Government's Regulatory Burden Measurement framework. These are provided below. The average annual regulatory costs quantified below relate only to a new requirement on individuals engaging in family law arbitration. In the department's view, there is no change in regulatory burden arising from any other proposed changes to the instrument.

Average annual regulatory costs (from business as usual)

Change in costs	Business	Community organisations	Individuals	Total change in costs
Total, by sector	\$0	\$0	\$90,316.80	\$0 / \$90316.80


 Chris Collett
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 18/12/2024

I acknowledge the Office of Impact Analysis will publish this letter for transparency purposes.

If you have any queries about this advice, please contact Samantha Byng on (02) 6141 5430 or Samantha.Byng@ag.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Harvey', enclosed within a hand-drawn circle.

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