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Dear Ms Abhayaratna

**Impact Analysis – Supporting Remote Cost-of-Living and Food Security –
Second Pass Final Assessment**

I am writing in relation to the attached Impact Analysis (IA) prepared for Supporting Remote Cost-of-Living and Food Security (OIA24-08816).

I am satisfied that the IA addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 24 January 2025. Specifically, the revised IA:

- articulates why government action is needed to achieve the stated objectives, and how success will be measured,
- establishes a method of analysis to compare the impacts of each option in a way that allows the option with the highest net benefit to be identified,
- includes the estimated regulatory burden for each option, as well as considering the likely secondary impact on health, potential price impact on other products, and potential changes to the cost-effectiveness and competition in the wholesale market,
- explains the purpose of consultation, the outcome of consultation and areas of agreement and disagreement between stakeholders, and link these to the development and assessment of the options,
- identifies timing and principles of implementation and explains how risks will be mitigated.

The regulatory burden to business, community organisations or individuals for the preferred Option 4 is quantified using the Australian Government's *Regulatory Burden Measurement* framework and is provided below.

Regulatory burden estimate table

Average annual regulatory costs (from business as usual)				
Change in costs (\$ million)	Business	Community organisations	Individuals	Total change in costs
Total, by sector	\$5.113*	\$0	\$0	\$5.113

* over 98% of the cost impact will be incurred by the Australian Government owned company Outback Stores Pty Ltd to administer and operate the scheme. This includes staffing costs to take and process orders and perform warehousing and wholesaling functions, along with operating overhead costs such as warehouse electricity, rates, insurance, repairs and maintenance. These costs will be funded by Government and not passed on to remote stores or customers. Participation costs for remote stores would be low.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the IA is consistent with the six principles for Australian Government policy makers as specified in the *Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis*.

I submit the IA to the Office of Impact Analysis for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely



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