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Dear Mr Hansford

### Certification of Impact Analysis Equivalent – Telecommunications Critical Assets

Thank you for your letter of 28 February 2025 certifying that the 2022 critical infrastructure risk management program regulation impact statement along with the supplementary analysis undertook a process and analysis equivalent to an Impact Analysis (IA).

The Office of Impact Analysis (OIA) acknowledges the 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 conducted 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 materials are sufficiently relevant to the proposal. The OIA notes that the Certification letter outlines that robust estimates of regulatory burden were unable to be produced due to the absence of quantitative submissions from industry.

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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