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Dear Ms Abhayaratna

**Impact Analysis – Help to Buy Scheme – Second Pass Final Assessment**

I am writing in relation to the attached Impact Analysis (IA) prepared for the Help to Buy Scheme.

I am satisfied that the IA addresses the feedback provided in your letter of 29 May 2025. Specifically, information and further analysis has been added to provide:

* information about the estimated cost of the equity investments the Commonwealth will make under the scheme;
* additional detail on the proportion of residential property transactions in 2024 that would meet Help to Buy criteria;
* further clarification around the potential price impacts of the scheme;
* additional information on the potential impact of the scheme on new residential constructions; and
* additional justification for the cost estimates used in estimating the regulatory burden on lenders.

Accordingly, I consider the IA meets the requirements set out in the *Australian Guide to Policy Impact Analysis* and is consistent with the six principles for Australian Government policy makers.

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

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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