

# Deputy Secretary

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Dear Ms Abhayaratna

# Impact Analysis – Healthcare Identifiers Reform – Second Pass Final Assessment

I am writing in relation to the attached Impact Analysis (IA) prepared in relation to reform of the Healthcare Identifiers legislative framework.

I am satisfied that the IA addresses the concerns raised in your letter of
17 June 2025. Specifically, these were addressed by including the following additional information:

* clarification of the costs included in the regulatory burden estimate
* more detailed explanation of the assumptions used to find the costs and benefits to different stakeholder groups
* additional information on decision points for the policy and key implementation milestones
* additional detail on how evaluation data will be used, and
* updates throughout the document in response to the more detailed feedback provided.

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

**Regulatory burden estimate table**

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| **Average annual regulatory costs (from business as usual)** |
| **Change in Costs ($ m)** | **Business** | **Community Organisations** | **Individuals** | **Total Change in Cost** |
| **Option 2** | $0.33 | $0 | $0 | $0.33 |
| **Option 3** | $2.50 | $0 | $0 | $2.50 |

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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