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Ms Sonja Stewart  
Deputy Secretary  
Ageing and Aged Care  
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Dear Ms Stewart

### **Impact Analysis – Second Pass Final Assessment – Linking care funding to care minutes delivery in residential aged care**

Thank you for your letter of 5 September 2025 submitting an Impact Analysis (IA) for formal Second Pass Final Assessment. I note the IA has been formally certified at the Deputy Secretary level consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis* (the Guide).

I appreciate the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing' constructive engagement on the IA. The Office of Impact Analysis' (OIA) assessment is that the quality of the analysis in the IA is 'good practice'. The IA addresses the seven IA questions and follows an appropriate policy development process commensurate with the significance of the problem and magnitude of the proposed intervention. To be considered 'exemplary' as per the Guide, the IA would have benefited from more detailed discussion of how barriers to government action could be overcome and the distributional impacts.


The IA may now be provided to the decision-maker to inform their decision.

### **Next steps**

Ahead of the final decision being announced we would appreciate a copy of the IA and One-Page IA Summary in a form meeting the Government's web accessibility requirements. The OIA will then publish the IA and Summary, along with your certification, on the OIA's website at [oia.pmc.gov.au](http://oia.pmc.gov.au). The IA must also be included in any Explanatory Memorandum or Statement giving effect to the proposals in the IA, as stipulated in the *User Guide to the Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis*.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joanna Abhayaratna". The script is cursive and elegant, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Joanna Abhayaratna  
Executive Director  
Office of Impact Analysis  
10 September 2025