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Dear Ms Brighton

Certification of Impact Analysis Equivalent – Disability Standards for Education 2005 Amendments

Thank you for your letter of 16 September 2025 certifying the Final Report of the 2020 Review of the Disability Standards for Education 2005 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 are sufficiently relevant to the proposal. The IAE contains supplementary analysis prepared by the Department of Education to address IA questions 4, 6 and 7.

I would appreciate you advising when a final decision has been announced and forwarding a copy of the IAE in a form meeting the Government's accessibility requirements. The OIA will publish the IAE, along with your certification, on the OIA's website. 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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