



18 February 2026

Mr Brendan Dowling
Deputy Secretary
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Department of Home Affairs

Dear Mr Dowling

**POST IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW – INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE SECURITY OF CRITICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE ACT (2018)**

Thank you for your letter dated 13 February 2026 submitting the *Final Report of the Independent Review of the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018* for formal assessment as fulfilling the requirements of a Post Implementation Review (PIR).

I note the PIR has been formally certified at the Deputy Secretary level as required by the Australian Government Guide to Policy Impact Analysis.

The Australian Centre for Evaluation's (ACE's) assessment is that the Review Report contains an adequate level of analysis to inform the decision-maker on the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulation.

The PIR now needs to be sent to the Office of Impact Analysis (OIA) in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. The PIR will then be published on OIA's website at oia.pmc.gov.au. The PIR is complete, and your PIR is compliant with the PIR requirements, only after it has been published on this website.

Yours sincerely

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