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Dear Ms Abhayaratna,

Certification of sunseting instrument

I am writing to the Office of Impact Analysis (OIA) regarding the *Woomera Prohibited Area Rule 2014* (the Rule), which, as per the *Legislation Act 2003*, is scheduled to sunset on 1 October 2026. The Department of Defence (Defence) proposes that the instrument be remade without significant changes.

Defence assesses the Rule is operating effectively and efficiently, consistent with the Government's requirements for sunseting legislative instruments.

This assessment was informed by the independent review of the Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA) Coexistence Framework (the Review), which found that coexistence, underpinned by the Rule, was generally working well. The Review included extensive stakeholder consultation, including 10 individuals, 38 organisations, and 15 written submissions. Defence subsequently undertook separate consultation with key stakeholders. Together, consultation occurred between August 2024 and April 2026, including with the South Australian Government, the WPA Advisory Board, First Nations groups, the resource sector, pastoralists, and the transport sector.

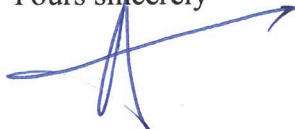
Defence has quantified the regulatory burden to people, business, and community organisations using the Australian Government's Regulatory Burden Measurement Framework. These are provided below.

Average annual regulatory impact (from business as usual)

Change in costs (\$ million)	Business	Community organisations	People	Total change in costs
Total, by sector	\$NIL	\$NIL	\$0.02	\$0.02

I acknowledge that the OIA will publish this letter for transparency purposes.

Yours sincerely

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Hugh Jeffrey

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30 Apr 2026