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Dear Ms Shakespeare

Impact Analysis – Second Pass Assessment – Pharmaceutical Wholesaler Agreement

Thank you for your letter of 12 December 2024 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 and Aged Care's 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 achieve 'exemplary' as per the Guide, the IA would have benefited from a more detailed discussion of the costs and benefits to the various stakeholder groups in the Multi-Criteria Analysis.

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

Next steps

After a final decision has been announced, I ask that your agency work with the OIA to finalise this material for release on the OIA's website at oia.pmc.gov.au. This includes providing a copy of the IA in Word and PDF formats for web accessibility purposes. The IA must also be included in any Explanatory Memorandum or Statement giving effect to the proposals in the IA.

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

Yours sincerely



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