



Australian Government options-stage Regulation Impact Statements published - by agency

2013-14

The Australian Government introduced a new Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) process in July 2013. Under the new, July 2013, RIA process the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) is required to publish options-stage Regulation Impact Statements (RIS) on its website and agency certification letters relating to these RISs as soon as practicable after an initial decision to regulate has been made and announced, in consultation with the agency. However, the OBPR does not assess the options-stage RISs against any adequacy criteria. Instead, it is the responsibility of agencies to ensure that their RISs meet the Government's best practice regulation requirements; and for Secretaries or Deputy Secretaries (or agency equivalent) to certify this to the OBPR.

The number of options-stage RISs published on the OBPR website in aggregate and by agency are also reported 'live' in the following tables.

Number of options-stage RISs published, 2013-14

Stage	2013-14 ^a number
Options-stage RISs published	12

^a Year to date.



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NBN Battery back up	
National Broadband Network battery back up options and record keeping.	6 December 2013

Department of Communications

Title of regulatory proposal	
Description of regulatory proposal	Options-stage RIS published
Trans-Tasman mobile roaming	
Providing greater powers to the ACCC in respect to Trans-Tasman mobile roaming to undertake regulatory measures, if necessary.	12 February 2014

Department of Employment

Title of regulatory proposal	
Description of regulatory proposal	Options-stage RIS published
Registered Organisations	
Imposes additional obligations on registered organisations.	11 November 2013
Amendments to the <i>Fair Work Act 2009</i>	
Amendments to the Fair Work Act 2009, including to greenfields agreements and right of entry.	21 February 2014
Revocation of Fair Work Principles and Commonwealth Cleaning Service Guidelines	
Revocation of Fair Work Principles and Commonwealth Cleaning Service Guidelines.	27 March 2014

Department of the Environment

Title of regulatory proposal	
Description of regulatory proposal	Options-stage RIS published
Bringing Forward the Start of Emissions Trading^a	
Commencement of the Emissions Trading Scheme will be brought forward by one year to 1 July 2014.	25 July 2013
Repeal of the Carbon Tax	
Draft legislation repealing the carbon tax.	30 October 2013

^a This matter was previously reported under the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education. However, on 18 September 2013 the Clean Energy Act 2011 was transferred to the Department of the Environment.

Department of Health

Title of regulatory proposal	
Description of regulatory proposal	Options-stage RIS published
Protection of images and indicia for major sporting events	
Proposed protections of images and indicia for major sporting events.	18 March 2014

Treasury

Title of regulatory proposal	
Description of regulatory proposal	Options-stage RIS published
Government's Response to the review of the Franchising Code of Conduct^a	
Amends the Franchising Code of Conduct.	26 July 2013
Financial Stability Fund	
Establishes a Financial Stability Fund through imposing an industry levy.	30 August 2013
Increase in Tobacco Excise	
Increases the tobacco excise by 50 per cent over four years	5 September 2013
Future of Financial Advice Amendments	
Amendments aimed at reducing the complexity and compliance costs associated with the Future of Financial Advice (FOFA) reforms	13 January 2014

^a This matter was previously reported under the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education. However, on 18 September 2013 small business policy was transferred to the Treasury.