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Dear Mr Simovski

Regulation Impact Statement—final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for the introduction of a statutory levy and charge on melons (the levy). The regulatory burden has been quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework and offsets have been identified. These have been agreed with your office.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the comments made in your letter of 5 September 2016. Specifically, the rationale for government intervention has been strengthened by expanding on challenges the melon industry faces regarding the potential for biosecurity incursions and the consequences of the detection of diseases such as Cucumber Green Mosaic Mottle Virus. The revised RIS also provides clarity on the mechanisms for collection of the levy including to whom the levy would apply and the threshold under which no levy would be payable. Lastly, the RIS provides more detail regarding the consultation process, specifically, the ballot and voting system that the Australian Melon Association employed.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the RIS meets best practice consistent with the *Australian Government Guide to Regulation*.

I submit the RIS to the Office of Best Practice Regulation for formal final assessment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Williamson'.

David Williamson
Deputy Secretary
15 September 2016