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Dear Mr Lange

Regulation Impact Statement –final assessment second pass

I am writing in relation to the attached draft Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) prepared for *Treaty between Australia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Establishing their Maritime Boundaries* (reference number 21507). The regulatory burden to business, community organisations and/or individuals has been qualified and offsets have been identified and qualified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework. These have been agreed with your office.

I am satisfied that the RIS addresses the concerns raised in your letter of 12 November 2018. Specifically we have included:

- a cost-benefit analysis which discusses the net qualitative costs and benefits of the two options;
- a section on what is the best option to address RIS question 6 (What is the best option from those considered in the RIS); and
- additional information on the method and timeframe for evaluation of the preferred option.

Accordingly, I am satisfied that the RIS now 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



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