



## Australian Government

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Dear Mr Hazlehurst,

#### **Post Implementation Review – McCarthy Review, Independent Observers and Marine Order 43**

Thank you for sending the Post-Implementation Review (PIR) titled *McCarthy Review, Independent Observers and Marine Order 43*, received on Thursday 3 September 2020.

I note the challenges faced in this PIR in providing concrete impact analysis on largely immeasurable concepts such as animal welfare and public dissatisfaction. However, the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) considers the Department has made strong attempts to quantify the costs and benefits. As such, the OBPR considers the PIR meets the Australian Government's requirements, and the analysis contained within is consistent with best practice.

We note the PIR has been formally certified at the Deputy Secretary level in line with the Government's requirements.

The Government's best practice regulation process requires the PIR be sent to the relevant portfolio minister and the Prime Minister, and published on the OBPR's website. Please notify us when copies of the PIR have been provided to your Minister and the Prime Minister.

Additionally, we would appreciate you forwarding a copy of the PIR in Microsoft Word.doc format in a form meeting the Australian Government's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

The OBPR should be consulted if the PIR is amended. It is the agency preparing the PIR, not the OBPR, which is responsible for the content of the published PIR.

Our reference number for this PIR is 23774. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Jason Lange  
Executive Director  
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