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Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary

Thank you for your letter dated 14 December, inviting the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) to provide a submission to the **Inquiry into the Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reform) Bill 2020**.

The Australian Government's Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) settings require departments and agencies to complete a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS), where a proposal is likely to have a more than minor regulatory impact on business, individuals or community organisations. The OBPR administers the Government's RIA settings, including making determinations as to whether policy proposals meet the impact threshold of requiring a RIS.

The Attorney-General's Department (AGD) liaised with the OBPR on the Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reforms) proposal as this measure developed throughout 2020, to assist the OBPR in making a determination as to whether a RIS was required.

On the basis of the information provided, the OBPR determined that the proposal did not create *new* or *additional* regulatory requirements for businesses, individuals or community organisations, but rather created standardised compliance or enforcement powers that Government could choose to enforce if regulatory requirements across the relevant regulatory regimes were breached.

Therefore, the OBPR assessed the Regulatory Powers (Standardisation Reforms) proposal to only have a minor regulatory impact and consequently advised AGD that a RIS was not required.

The OBPR is ready to assist the Committee if any further information is required.

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