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Dear Dr Lauber

ADVICE ON THE ADEQUACY OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Thank you for seeking advice on the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the proposed Code of Practice for the Operation of Breeding and Rearing Businesses.

The Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission (VCEC) advises on the adequacy of RISs as required under section 12H(3) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* (the Act). I advise the final version of the RIS received by the VCEC on 14 December 2012 meets the requirements of section 12H of the Act.

The VCEC's advice is based on the adequacy of the evidence presented in the RIS and is focused on the quality of the analysis rather than the merits of the proposal itself. **Therefore, the VCEC's advice that the RIS is adequate does not represent an endorsement of the proposal.**

The VCEC notes that RIS process highlighted the need for more reliable data on matters being addressed by the regulatory regime. The effectiveness of the new standards being introduced through the proposed Code will be difficult to evaluate without more systematic collection of data on the levels of compliance with the Code and the outcomes.

In the interests of transparency, it is government policy VCEC's advice be published with the RIS when it is released for consultation.

If you have any questions, please contact RegulationReview@vcec.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Walker'.

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