



Commissioner for Better Regulation

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Dear Ms Grover

I would like to thank the staff of the Trust for working with my team on the preparation of the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) for the proposal to introduce fees for new products at the Trust.

As you know, the former Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission's role under Section 10 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1994* was to provide independent advice on the adequacy of analysis presented in all Regulatory Impact Statements in Victoria. This assessment role has now been assigned to me, as the recently appointed Commissioner for Better Regulation.

I am pleased to advise you that the final version of the RIS received by us on 30 September 2015 meets the requirements of the Act, in that it is "adequate". The analysis is adequate in that it is logical, draws on relevant evidence, is transparent about any assumptions made, and is proportionate to the proposal's expected effects. It therefore provides an appropriate basis for consultation with the community about the proposed regulations.

It is important to emphasise that my role under the Act is not to provide a view on the merits of any policy or regulatory change as such; my role is to advise only on the adequacy or otherwise of a RIS.

To ensure transparency, it is government policy that this letter be published when you release the RIS for public consultation.

The consultation step is important to enable public participation in the policy development process. New options or information identified through this process may influence your analysis and recommendations. Should you wish to discuss any such changes with us, please don't hesitate to contact me on (03) 9092 5800.

Yours sincerely

Anna Cronin
Commissioner for Better Regulation