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Mr Kim Wood
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Dear Mr Wood

Kim,

I am writing to request the Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC) undertakes a key role in supporting implementation of the Government's new Regulator Performance Framework (the Framework). The Framework will form an important element of the Queensland Government's ongoing efforts to reduce any unnecessary regulatory burden on business, particularly small business, and the community.

Accordingly, I have attached a revised Ministerial Direction under Section 43 of the *QPC Act*, which replaces the existing Ministerial Direction and specifies the scope of the QPC's regulatory review functions in implementing the Framework.

I understand consultation between Queensland Treasury and the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) has occurred in relation to the QPC undertaking this work, in the context of OBPR's important role in providing regulatory advice to Government and in developing best practice approaches to regulation.

Details of OBPR's role and key responsibilities in undertaking this function have also been included in amendments currently being made to the Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation. The updated version of the Guide will be published on the Treasury website in the near future.

I have also written to all relevant ministers with regulators within their portfolio responsibilities who are required to undertake reporting under the Framework. As part of this advice, I have indicated that OBPR will be primarily responsible for overseeing implementation of the Framework and requested their agencies liaise with OBPR in the first instance on this matter, including providing OBPR with relevant details of key agency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in supporting implementation of the Framework as part of your organisation's ongoing role in supporting and facilitating the adoption of best practice regulatory approaches across government.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Patrick Wildie, Assistant Under Treasurer, Economic Strategy, on (07) 3035 1489 or by email at patrick.wildie@treasury.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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QUEENSLAND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION ACT 2015

Section 43

DIRECTION

Direction

Pursuant to section 43 of the *Queensland Productivity Commission Act 2015*, I direct the Commission to:

1. Undertake the functions as set out in the Queensland Government's Guide to Better Regulation, including to:
 - a. assess the adequacy of the documents submitted by agencies to the Commission in relation to the Guidelines
 - b. advise agencies whether or not:
 - i. the preparation of the documents submitted by agencies to the Commission are in accordance with the Guidelines, including the preparation of a Regulatory Impact Statement
 - ii. a regulatory proposal may be excluded under the Guidelines
 - iii. the impacts of a regulatory proposal are likely to be significant
 - c. provide training and guidance in relation to the Guidelines
 - d. maintain a central register on the Commission's website (www.qpc.gld.gov.au) in relation to Regulatory Impact Statements
 - e. manage the oversight of the regulator performance framework.
2. Report annually to the Minister in relation to the regulatory proposals assessed by the Commission in the context of the Guidelines.

Interpretation and Definitions

3. In this direction;
 - a. Words and expressions used which are defined in the Act or the Guidelines have the same meaning as the Act or the Guidelines (as applicable);
 - b. Words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;
 - c. 'Act' means the Queensland Productivity Commission Act 2015;
 - d. 'Issue' includes amend;
 - e. 'Commission' means the Queensland Productivity Commission established by section 6 of the Act;
 - f. 'Documents' means information;
 - g. 'Minister' means the Minister responsible for administering the Act; and
 - h. 'Guidelines' means the Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation issued by the Minister in relation to regulatory impact assessments and best practice regulation from time to time.



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