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Dear Mr Roberts

Thank you for your letter of 17 March 2017 concerning the Australian Government's Response to the Review of the Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010 (Premises Standards) and the issue of converting Class 1a buildings to specified Class 1b buildings.

As you have noted, the Review examined this issue carefully and recommended that the Government consider the extent to which the conversion of Class 1a buildings to specified Class 1b rooming/boarded houses has been affected by the Premises Standards and, if required, what further actions should be undertaken.

The Government response stated that this recommendation was supported in principle. I can confirm that a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) will be carried out to review the effect the Premises Standards have had on the conversion of Class 1a buildings to specified Class 1b buildings. The RIA will also consider the regulatory impact of any proposed amendments to the Premises Standards in regards to this issue, which could then be considered at the next five year review. The RIA will be supported by data to be collected by state and territory government as part of the Data Framework proposed in response to recommendation four of the Review. As you can appreciate, it is critical that the RIA is based on accurate data on building conversions, collected nationally.

I can assure you that, when the RIA is due to be carried out, all relevant stakeholders, including the Registered Accommodation Association of Victoria, will be consulted.

Thank you for writing on this matter. I understand the importance of this issue, particularly in terms of the impacts for low income, homeless and disadvantaged people, and I look forward to continuing to work together on this in the future.

Yours sincerely

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CC The Hon Craig Laundy MP, Assistant Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science