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Executive Brief: Self-balancing scooters

Key points

- Consumer Product Safety Branch (CPSB) has developed a final regulation impact statement (RIS) to consider the options to ensure the ongoing supply of safe self-balancing scooters (formerly known as 'hoverboards').
- The RIS must be assessed by the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) as meeting best practice requirements and consistent with the ten principles for Australian Government policy makers as set out in *The Australian Government Guide to Regulation*.
- The RIS must be accompanied by a certification letter from the agency Deputy Secretary, Secretary or Chief Executive.
- The format of the certification letter is based on a template provided by the OBPR.
- A copy of the RIS and certification letter are attached separately.
- The regulatory options will result in additional regulatory burden that must be offset within the Treasury portfolio.
- Treasury has advised that it has not yet established 2016 offsets and that it sees no reason why it will not meet its red tape reduction targets for 2016. This point is made in the certification letter.

Background

- On 18 March 2016, the Minister for Small Business and Assistant Treasurer imposed an interim ban on hoverboards that do not meet specific safety requirements. The interim ban commenced on 19 March 2016 for a period of 60 days.
- The interim ban period was extended for an additional 30 days from 18 May 2016. The ban period can be further extended for an additional 30 days (until 16 July 2016) after which, it will lapse.
- The RIS is being developed to consider the options to ensure the ongoing supply of safe self-balancing scooters once the interim ban lapses. Any new regulation needs to be implemented before the interim ban lapses.
- The RIS has been reviewed by CPSB managers, CCLU and Commissioners Rickard and Court.
- The attached RIS and certification letter provide details of the policy options under consideration.

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- The OBPR assessed previous versions of the RIS and provided feedback to the ACCC. Staff have discussed feedback with OBPR and the RIS has been amended accordingly.
- Assessment of a final RIS is in two stages. The attached RIS is being provided for 'first pass' assessment.
- OBPR feedback on the first pass final RIS will be addressed prior to submitting the second (and final) pass RIS for assessment.
- Once OBPR agrees that the second pass final RIS meets best practice requirements and is consistent with the ten principles for Australian Government policy, the RIS will be used to inform a recommendation from the ACCC to Minister O'Dwyer.

Next steps

- OBPR will provide feedback on the RIS within five business days.
- CPSB will assess and address OBPR feedback prior to finalising the RIS.

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