



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

# Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)

OECD Webinar: Learning from recent experiences of RIA

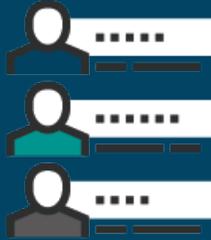
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# The Australian Government RIA framework



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What is the problem you are trying to solve?



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Why is government action needed?



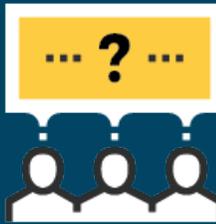
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What policy options would solve that problem?



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What is the likely net benefit of each option?



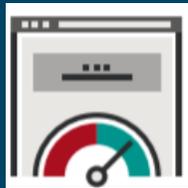
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Who will you consult and how will you consult them?



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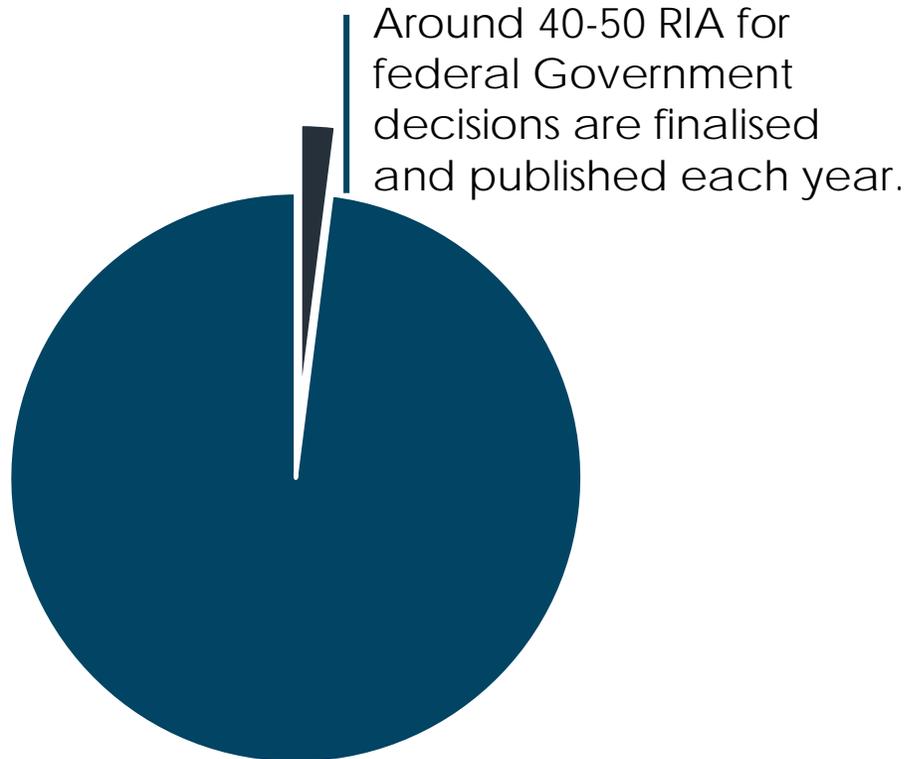
What is the best option from those you have considered?



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How will you implement and evaluate your chosen option?

# All policies with significant impacts require in-depth RIA



Decisions with the most significant impacts require RIA

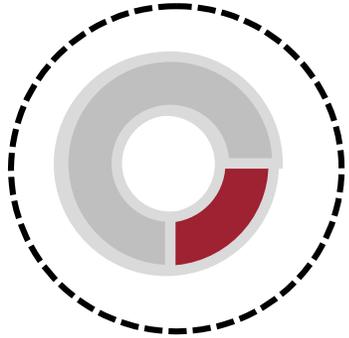
## How does RIA look at 'impacts'?

- Identify affected stakeholders
- Describe how they will be affected
- Consider different types of impacts

## Types of impacts covered

- Environmental
- Social
- Distributional
- Competition
- Red tape

# The quality of RIA is categorised into four tiers



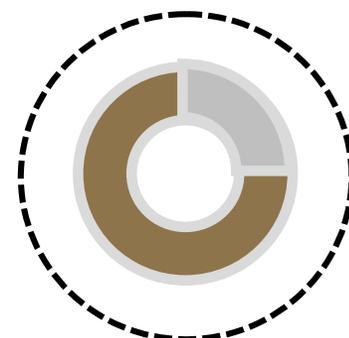
Insufficient

- Poor quality
- Should not be used as the basis for decision-making
- Ex-post analysis mandatory



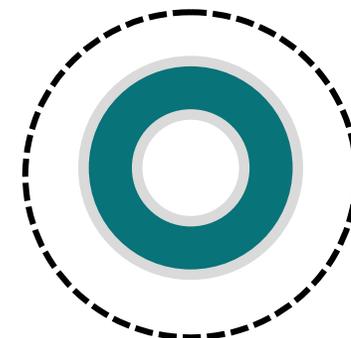
Adequate

- Sufficient for decision
- Short-comings in analysis and process e.g. not reasonable consultation



Good practice

- Good quality analysis
- Small number of elements where quality was not of exceptional quality



Exemplary

- Exceptionally high quality analysis

# Compliance with the RIA framework is high

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**300+** 300+ RIA finalised since 2013

**40-50** Typically around 40 – 50 RIA for federal Government decisions published each year

**3** Analysis for only three decisions (all in 2020) since 2013 has not met the RIA requirements

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# Three examples of our approach

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## Support active engagement with RIA

- Enabling Ministries to contact the OBPR through a range of mechanisms.
- Providing information and education on RIA in a range of formats to complement published guidance.

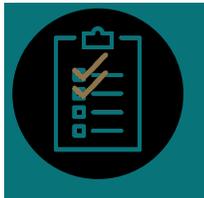
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## Offer a range of assistance, including training and workshops

- Expanding our training offering to include a mix of lecture style training and workshops.
- Providing targeted training to Ministries with different areas of expertise.
- Adapting training to take account of different levels of familiarity and experience with RIA.

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## Demonstrate that RIA is accessible and achievable

- Emphasising familiarity with the RIA questions and their connection to policy-making.
- Providing practical advice and support during the development of RIA.

# Published RIA is available at:



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