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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 21 May 2025 for:

- All submissions sent by your department to the Ministry for Regulation, regarding the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill.
- All other advice produced by your department regarding the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill, including briefings, aide memoires, letters, emails, social media messages, texts and any other document.

On 14 March 2025, Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women provided the below comment to the Ministry for Regulation on the draft Regulatory Standards Bill:

Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women plays a key role in ensuring that the interests of women and girls are considered in the development of government policy and decision making.

When looking at how this Bill affects women and girls, the Ministry shares concerns that the proposed principles create uncertainty, with potentially negative impacts on outcomes for some population groups. The draft RIS clearly articulates risks around uncertainty. We note there is limited reflection of this analysis in the draft Cabinet paper & consider that this could be strengthened through further analysis, including proposed mitigations.

No other submissions, or documents have been found in scope of your request.

Official Information Act responses

Please note that this response, with your personal details redacted, may be published on the Ministry's website. If you have any concerns or comments related to this, please let us know by emailing ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz, within two weeks of the date of this letter.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Anna Chalmers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anna Chalmers
Deputy Secretary – Engagement, Policy and Delivery