

KEY STEPS IN REGULATION IMPACT ANALYSIS



The regulation impact analysis at each level follows the guidance provided in COAG's Best Practice Regulation. The key steps are:

1

Identify the fundamental problem that needs to be addressed

How significant is it?
What evidence exists to show there is a problem?
Is government action needed to correct the problem?

2

Objectives

Articulate the intended outcomes, goals or targets of government action.
Should not pre-justify a preferred solution.
Should be broad enough to allow consideration of alternative options.

3

Options

Identify a range of viable options that address the problem.
As appropriate, include non-regulatory and co-regulatory options.

4

Impact Analysis

Identify groups in the community likely to be affected.
Assess the costs and benefits of each viable option.

- Quantify the costs and benefits where possible.
- Consider business compliance costs.
- Consider any restrictions on competition.

5

Consultation

Describe how consultation was conducted.
Articulate the views of those consulted.
Describe how those views were taken into consideration.

6

Conclusion

Show that the preferred option has the greatest net benefits for the community, taking into account all impacts.
The benefits of the preferred option should outweigh the costs.

7

Implementation and review

How will the preferred option be implemented?
Describe the strategy for reviewing new regulations.