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Dear Mr Bridge

### **Ofcom consultation on Impact Assessments**

I am providing the Welsh Assembly Government's response to Ofcom's consultation on its approach to Impact Assessments. We would like to thank Ofcom for the opportunity to provide a response on this issue.

We believe that Ofcom's definition of an impact assessment is correct and agree that one of options considered within should be that of 'not regulating'. We also agree that 'Impact Assessment' is the correct terminology for the reasons stated.

We would encourage Ofcom to publish clear guidance on how it determines whether a proposal is 'important'. Whilst recognising that an impact assessment may not be necessary in all circumstances, we would like further clarity within section 4.3 as the terms "major change" and significant impact" could be seen as ambiguous. It is clear that Ofcom intends to carry out an impact assessment in the majority of instances and we think that this is a sensible approach.

We believe that using proportionality to determine the detail of the impact assessment is erudite and will ensure that the correct resources are expended per proposal.

We agree with your proposals in section 5 and believe that the stages you describe will help to ensure its effectiveness.

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