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Other ...

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in ...

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FUNCTIONS

Division	Section	Unit	Function
Administration	General Administration	Director's Office	Provide administrative support to the Director
		Director's Office	Provide administrative support to the Director
	Human Resources	Human Resources	Manage the human resources of the ABS
		Human Resources	Manage the human resources of the ABS
Information Systems	Information Systems	Information Systems	Manage the information systems of the ABS
		Information Systems	Manage the information systems of the ABS
	Information Systems	Information Systems	Manage the information systems of the ABS
		Information Systems	Manage the information systems of the ABS
Research and Statistics	Research and Statistics	Research and Statistics	Conduct research and produce statistical products
		Research and Statistics	Conduct research and produce statistical products
	Research and Statistics	Research and Statistics	Conduct research and produce statistical products
		Research and Statistics	Conduct research and produce statistical products
External Relations	External Relations	External Relations	Manage the external relations of the ABS
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PREFACE

The Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) has been prepared by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) for use in the collection, compilation and publication of its statistics. The ABS encourages other organisations to use this Classification in their own statistical work in order to improve the comparability and usefulness of statistics generally.

A summary description of the Classification is provided in Chapter 1. A fuller understanding of the Classification may be gained by reading the more detailed explanatory material in Chapters 2 to 5.

The ASGC is maintained up to date on a periodic or as needed basis by the issue of replacement pages – usually twice a year, ie at the beginning of calendar and financial year collections. This means that a new edition of the ASGC is created with every issue of replacement pages. Each such edition is identified by an edition number and the effective date of replacement pages. The composition of each edition and the changes to ASGC spatial units between editions are specified in Appendixes 1 and 2 respectively.

Since 1988 the ABS has been reviewing its statistical geography and, as part of this review, conducted a User Survey which obtained feedback on the adequacy of existing criteria and rules used to delimit Census Collection Districts (CDs) and other ABS spatial units – in particular those which are incorporated in the ASGC. Information gained in the Survey is being used to improve the relevance to users of ASGC spatial units and, hence, the usefulness of the geographically classified data provided by the ABS. The new criteria for delimiting Census Collection Districts (CDs) for the 1991 Census of Population and Housing were incorporated into Edition 7 of the ASGC and changes to all other spatial unit delimitation criteria resulting from the Review will be incorporated in a revised ASGC, i.e. a new Manual, which will be issued early in 1991. The 1991 edition will contain details of the spatial units which will be used in the collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics relating to the 1991 Census of Population and Housing.

Any inquiries about the Classification or suggestions for revisions should be directed to the Integration and Classification Section of the ABS in Canberra.

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ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used in this manual:

. Spatial Unit Type

CD	–	Census Collection District
Legal LGA	–	Legal Local Government Area
MSR	–	Major Statistical Region
S/T	–	State or Territory
SD	–	Statistical Division
S Dist.	–	Statistical District
SLA	–	Statistical Local Area
SR	–	Statistical Region
SRA	–	Statistical Retail Area
SRS	–	Statistical Region Sector
SSD	–	Statistical Subdivision
UC/L	–	Urban Centre/(Rural) Locality

. Legal LGA Type

(B)	–	Borough
(C)	–	City
(DC)	–	District Council
(M)	–	Municipality
(S)	–	Shire
(RC)	–	Rural City
(T)	–	Town

. States/Territories

NSW	–	New South Wales
VIC	–	Victoria
QLD	–	Queensland
SA	–	South Australia
WA	–	Western Australia
TAS	–	Tasmania
NT	–	Northern Territory
ACT	–	Australian Capital Territory