

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS ACT 1975: sub-section 6(3)

**PROPOSAL NO. 3 OF 2022
BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

ENERGY AND WATER SURVEY

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information for the purpose of measuring electricity generation, energy consumption and expenditure, and water consumption and expenditure by Australian businesses/organisations.

The information will be collected:

- Commencing September 2022 and collected annually, in relation to a financial year reference period;
- from a sample of between 5,000-10,000 Australian businesses/organisations;
- by direct collection, primarily using web forms.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics from Australian businesses/organisations including:

- Electricity generated;
- Energy consumption and expenditure; and
- Water consumption and expenditure.

The information collected will be used by the ABS in the compilation of the Australian Energy and Water Accounts which assist in understanding electricity generation and consumption and use of other key energy products and water resources over time.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available in late 2023.

The principal users of the information the ABS produces will be:

- Federal, state, and territory government departments to assist with policy formulation and monitoring.

To assist in determining the feasibility of the collection and to understand and manage respondent burden consistent with the Government's Regulator Performance Framework, the ABS:

- considered what existing information is available;
- consulted with a wide range of industry bodies and businesses;
- conducted concept and forms testing to ensure data is readily available; and
- implemented best practice survey design advice from collection methodology experts within the ABS.

This collection has replaced two prior collections:

- The Environmental Indicators Survey — last conducted in respect to the 2020-21 financial year and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No. 8 of 2019; and
- The Energy, Water and Environment Survey — last conducted in respect to the 2017-18 financial year and was previously tabled in Parliament as Proposal No. 8 of 2018.

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